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1905.				
Saturday.				
2 P.M.				
2nd Dec.	ARABIA	7937	.....	.....
7th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MACEDONIA	10012
1906				
5th Jan.	CALEDONIA	7538	.....	.....
25th Jan	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6332
29th "	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
27th "	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
3rd Feb.	EGYPT	7913	.....	.....
22nd "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7912
17th "	CHINA	7912	.....	.....
24th "	PENINSULAR	5294	BRITANNIA	6532
3rd Mar.	ARABIA	7938	.....	.....
10th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	10000
17th "	MACEDONIA	10012	.....	.....
24th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	10000
31st "	PERSIA	7951	.....	.....
7th Apl.	ORIENTAL	5284	MOULTAN	10000
14th "	EGYPT	7913	.....	.....
21st "	PENINSULAR	5294	MARMORA	10908
28th "	CALEDONIA	7538	.....	.....
5th May	ORIENTAL	5284	VICTORIA	6332
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DIKSHIT, DHANJISHA AND SOONDERDAS, Purchaser's Attorneys.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. RAHIMTOOLABHOY PEERBHOY, of Bombay, Khoja inhabitant, has contracted for the absolute sale to our client Mr. GOOLAM HOOSEIN ALLOOBHOY MOORAJ, also of Bombay, Khoja inhabitant, of the under-mentioned property viz—All that piece or parcel of Lease hold land with the tenements and buildings standing thereon, containing by admeasurement 553 square yards or thereabouts, and Registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under old Nos. 77350 and 431, New Nos. 185, 74, and New Survey No. 7366, and Assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under D Ward Nos. 2439 (2), and 2439 (3), and Street Nos. 462 A and 462 B, all which premises are situate at and on the Southern side of Dhunji Street, Grant Road, Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, and are bounded on or towards the East by the property of Kikabhoy Sumsoodin, on or towards the West by a private common passage leading from Dhunji Street to the property agreed to be sold and to the property belonging to Dattoobhoy Hassam, on or towards the North by the said Dhunji Street, and on or towards the South by the property of the said Dattoobhoy Hassumbhoy and which said land hereditaments and premises are now in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

All persons having or claiming any estate, right, title or interest in or to the said property or having any claim in respect thereof by way of inheritance, sale, mortgage lease, gift or otherwise howsoever are required to make such claims known in writing to the Under-signed at their Office, No. 29, Esplanade Road, Fort, and to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and taxes, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived and the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims.—Dated this 19th day of December, 1905.

ARDESIR, HORMUSJI DINSHAW & Co., Purchaser's Attorney.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

WRITTEN APPLICATIONS for the appointment of a Municipal AUDITOR under Section 133 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888 will be received by the undersigned up to 5 P.M. on the 3rd day of January, 1906. The appointment will be for the official year ending 31st March, 1906, but will be renewable annually at the pleasure of the Corporation. The maximum remuneration payable is Rs. 5,000 per annum.

Applicants should state age and qualifications and remuneration expected, and send COPIES ONLY of Certificates.

M. N. WADIA, Municipal Secretary.

Bombay, 11th December, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS are invited and will be received at the Office of the undersigned up till NOON one o'clock Standard Time on FRIDAY the 5th day of January, 1906, for works in connection with the CONSTRUCTION of the NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE, Bombay.

Probable value of work to be done about Rs 8,60,000.

Plans and Specifications for the work may be seen and all other particulars ascertained during Office hours at the Office of the undersigned, when blank forms of tender can be obtained on payment of Rs. 5.

Earnest money to accompany each tender Rs. 5,000 to be returned in the event of non-acceptance of the tender.

The acceptance of tender will rest with Government who reserve the right of rejecting any or all the tenders received.

J. BEGG, F. R. I. B. A., Consulting Architect to Government. Public Works Offices, Bombay.

Consulting Architect's Office
Bombay, 9th December, 1905.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

RETURN TICKETS AT REDUCED FARES.

DURING the CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (1905), First and Second Class RETURN TICKETS will be issued over the G. I. P. Railway, at the following concession Rates. These Tickets will be issued from 1st to 31st December, 1905, and will be available for completion of Return Journey up to midnight of the 14th January, 1906.

First and Second Class Return Tickets between Bombay or Byculla and Agra Fort, Muthra Junction, Delhi Sadr and Delhi Junction at a Fare and third for the double journey.

First and Second Class Return Tickets between any other two Stations on the G. I. P. Railway (except for passengers between Bombay and Kalyan both inclusive) at a Fare and half for the double journey.

Full particulars of the concession allowed over other Railways can be obtained at Stations or from the Undersigned.

A. MUIRHEAD, General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 1st November, 1905.

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All persons claiming any interest in the said property or any part thereof either by way of inheritance, sale, gift, mortgage, lien or otherwise are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Undersigned within 10 days from the date hereof at their Office No. 30, Esplanade Road, Bombay, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to such claims, if any.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land of Pension and tax Freehold tenure containing by admeasurement 535 square yards or thereabouts together with a tenement, building or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate at Charni Road without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration District and Sub-district of Bombay, and Registered in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 1227 (2), and Street 20 (A) and in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue as part of the Collector's New Survey No. 3173, and bounded as follows:—On or towards the North by an open passage partly belonging to this property and partly belonging to the adjoining property belonging to Jehangir Maneckji Mistry and another, on or towards the East by Charni Road aforesaid, on or towards the South by property of the Bombay United Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., and on or towards the West by property of Balkrishna Arjoon and all which said land and premises are now in the possession and occupation of the said Mr. Bapooji Dossabhoy Patel and his tenants.—Dated this 19th day of December, 1905.

CRAWFORD BROWN, & Co., Purchasers' Attorneys.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY NO. 7, MARINE STREET.

On FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Kharas Bungalow, opposite Post office, Middle Colaba, the very valuable French polished blackwood and teakwood household furniture made to order by Devjee Canjee, Ahmed Devjee, Breslauer, and others, consisting of drawing-room, suites of sofas and chairs lined rich plush, element cabinets, corner cabinets, dining table, marble top sideboard, dumbwaiters, English bedsteads almyrahs, cupboards, marble-top dressing and wash-hand tables, baby's English cots, ebonized upright grand piano by Bluthner rich in tone and in excellent order, superior large size oil paintings by A. Davis, engraving large size handsome Agra, Hyderabad and English carpets with border, new incubator rich glassware, Karlsbad porcelainware, best platedware silver tea set and fruit dishes, valuable books, nearly new China matting stair case carpet with brass rods, valuable English made clock by James McCabe Royal Exchange, London, chimes quarters and strikes hour, rich majolica jardiniers, rich table ornaments, handsome steel rubber-tyred wheel double C spring landau in excellent order handsome grey waler horse set of harness. De Dion 8 H. P. motor to seat four in good order almost new "Lion" free wheel gentleman's Bicycle Bermingham garden plants etc., the property of H W Bernstein Esq.

Catalogues are ready and the property is on view.

N. B. The landau, horse and motor will be sold at 3-30 p.m.

On SUNDAY, the 24th Instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Mount Road, Mazagon near Tramway Terminus and opposite Police Station Bungalow, the valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood household furniture, drawing room suit of sofas and chairs lined velvet, marble top tables and teapoy cabinets, jardiniers, mirror back sideboard, dumbwaiters, single and double iron bedstead, almirahs, cloths press, chest of drawers dressing and washhand tables, handsome cottage piano, old Chinaware, table ornaments, ice box, small table safe, Dresden figure, medicine chest new bingo by Seymour Dove babacharry, glassware, crockeryware, platedware, silver salt cellars and napkins rings, tables hanging lamps pictures, etc., The property of W. EWING, Esq.

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SALE OF VACANT LAND AT GUNDAVLI NEAR ANDHERI.

Under instructions from N. C. Macleod Esq., Official Assignee and assignee re Naorojee Nusserwanji Bhabha, an insolvent, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co, will sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY the 24th Inst at 4 p. m. on the premises the following Vacant Land:

All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate lying and being at Gundavli near Andheri in Zilla Thana in the Registration sub-district of Bandra containing by admeasurement 3814, square yards or thereabouts and forming part of the land registered by the Collector of Thana under survey old Nos. 7, 8, 9, 83, 90, 90, 90, 7, 7, 7, Pots Nos. 2, 6, 3, 1, and Faini Nos. 1, 1, 1, 1 and bounded as follows, that is to say on or towards the east partly by the property of Lois Braz on or towards the West partly by the passage fifteen feet wide hereinafter referred to and partly by the property of Lawrence Patel, on or towards the north by a storm water passage and beyond that by the property of Ruttonjee Jeewanji, Pay master, and on or towards the south by the property of Burjorjee Manekjee Sahiar.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & CO.

Bombay, 20th December, 1905.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

BONAFIDE SALE.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Nepean Road, Malabar Hill, the very valuable and handsome teak and black-wood, household furniture, dining room chairs, drawing room sofas, glass [illegible] wardrobes marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, brass and iron single and double bedsteads, [illegible] Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich carpets and large Columbian No. 10 stove without water tank copper utensils, coin matting etc, etc. the property of W. C. Symes, Esq.

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TO-MORROW THURSDAY the 21st and FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at 1 p.m. each day Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Hornby Road, Fort, next to D. Mcropolo & Co., Cigar Merchants the entire stock in trade of Messrs. C. Henniger & Co., Jewellers, the very valuable Jewellery consisting of Ladies and Gentlemen's gold hunting, half hunting, and open faced minute, quarter repeater, half an hour repeater watches, gold watch Guards and Chains of different patterns, gold pencils, charms, set of gold studs and links, also gold chronograph watches, lot of silver richly engraved hunting and open faced watches, silver cigar and card cases, a large lot of metal and gun metal wrist watch, fifteen days, large and small wall clocks strike hour and half hour, fancy Ball time pieces, powerful silver and mother-o-pearl binoculars and telescopes, list of spare watch Glasses, proof safe on stand, English solid ebonized plate glass show cases and cupboards, large counter, large glass door sample cupboard, one large size Cinemotograph with lot of zinc, slides etc, etc.

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P S.—The above will be sold to the highest bidder in small lots to suite the requirements of purchasers.

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On Friday, the 22nd instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Colaba Green, Colaba, in Messrs. Ralli Bros. Jatha, on account of the underwriters:—

149 full-pressed balesnew crop machine ginned Pachora cotton					
4	do	do	do	Nagpore	do
75	do	do	Churka	Chandosi	do
503	do	do	do	Bengal	do

The above bales are slightly damaged by fire and water and will be sold in small lots to suit the convinience of purchasers.

A deposit of 25 per cent will be required at the time of sale.

ON SATURDAY, the 23rd instant at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods etc.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong victoria, in very good order.
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BENNETT & CO.

Bombay, 20th December, 1905.

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THE INDIAN COTTON CROP.

THE UNITED PROVINCES.

The Department of Land Records and Agriculture United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, have issued the following final report on the cotton crop of 1905, under date December 8th :—

(Note—On an average of the five years ending 1903-04 the area under cotton in the United Provinces has represented approximately ten per cent., of the total area under the crop in British India. The bulk of the cotton grown in all districts of these provinces is classed as Bengals.)

Early sowings with canal irrigation began as usual in good time and as enough rain was received in the cotton districts during the first fortnight of July the sowings were greater than usual. The rainfall in August was, however, seriously deficient throughout the cotton growing divisions of Meerat, Agra and Allahabad; the light rain which fell in places during September considerably benefited the crop, but unfortunately most of the cotton tract south of the Jumna was not favoured in this way. The month of October was practically entirely rainless.

Area.—The area sown with cotton this year amounts to 1,338,891 acres compared with 1,191,401 acres last year—an increase of 147,490 acres or 12 per cent. If comparison is made with the average areas of the preceding five and ten years the increase amounts to 26 per cent in each case. Agra district exhibits a decrease of 13,4 1 acres Hamirpur of 10,526 and Jalaun of 19,342 acres. In Muttra the area sown was almost the same as in the last year. The other chief cotton growing districts show an increase which amounted to 87,671 acres in Meerut division, to 37,582 in Agra, to 23,158 in Rohilkhand, and to 17,528 acres in Lucknow. Owing to drought the unirrigated crop entirely failed in some localities so that the total area on which cotton was picked was somewhat less than the above figures indicate.

Conditions—The cotton crop germinated well in most places and was promising at the end of July; but later on the deficiency of rain in the chief cotton-growing divisions caused serious damage, and in some places the dry crop was a partial or even total failure. Where irrigation was possible the crop did exceptionally well, and the irrigated out-turn has been about 125 per cent of the normal. Taking both the irrigated and dry crops together the out-turn has been well up the normal in Aligarh, in the Agra division (except Mutra and Agra), and in Rohilkhand. In the rest of the Meerut division and in Cawnpore the out-turn is estimated at 75 per cent, in Agra and Fatehpure at 65 per cent of the normal. In Oudh the crop was somewhat better and is estimated at 80 per cent In Muttra and the four Bundelkhand districts where the drought most serious, the yield has been very poor—35 per cent of the normal in Band, Hamirpur and Jalun and 50 per cent in Mutra and Jhansi. For the provinces as a whole taken both dry and irrigated crops together the yield is estimated at 75 per cent of the normal.

Out turn.—The total out-turn of the present year's crop is estimated on round figures at 387,000 bales of 400 lbs. each compared with 366,500 bales estimated last year. The increase amounts to 20,500 bales or five per cent The crops having failed in Rajputana, whence large imports of cotton are usually drawn both by-rail and road for consumption in the local mills, little addition can be expected to the quantity in the province during the present season. The mill consumption is this year estimated at 43 millions of pounds against 42 millions estimated last year, but the local consumption other than in mill is expected to be somewhat less than usual. The prices of cleaned cotton are lower than at the same period of last year as shown below and so far as can be judged the stocks of cotton are ample and the exports are likely to be as heavy as in the current year.

Marts.	Price per maund for the fortnight ending 15th November. 1904.	1905.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Cawnpore	20 0 0	16 13 6
Agra	21 5 4	17 12 6
Hathras	18 0 0 and 19 0 0	17 4 0 and 18 12 0

In accordance with the instructions of the Government of India the figures relating to the cotton crop sown in Rampur State have been obtained and are shown in the appendix at the end of the provincial figures. The area sown this year has been returned by the State at 13,701 acres against 9,321 acres in 1904, and the out-turn may be estimated at 3,050 bales of 400 lbs. each. Cotton is not produced in Tehri State.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, Dec. 18.

SECURITIES—		
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	88 15-16	= —1-16
3 do. Rentes	98 3-4 ex	= unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	104 3-4	= —1-4
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	65 3-4	= —1-16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	30 1-4	= —1-16
2 months hence	29 5-16	= —1-8
Spot in New York	65 1-2	= unchanged.
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·8	= do
Berlin ,,	20·37 3-4	= do
New York Demand	4·85 3-3	= + 1-8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	4 per cent	= + 1-8
6 ,, ,, ,,	3 5-8 per cent	= unchanged
3 ,, ,, Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4 per cent	= + 1-8
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 1-4 per cent	= + 1-8
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	3 3-4 per cent	= unchanged
7 day market loans	3 3-4 per cent	= + 1-2

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Madras, Rs. 30,000 at 1s 4 1-2d.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 10 Dec, done quiet.

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 5 5 value

WHEAT—
Firm Afloat for U K 1,710,000

RAPESEED—
Yellow Guzerat 44 3-4 Dec-Jan sellers } firm
Yellow Cawnpore nominal
Brown 40 April-May sellers

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 44 + 1-2 Dec.-Jan sellers quiet

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 8 + 1-8

ARRIVAL—
Steamer—Wartenfels

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 8,000. Spot 6·40 plus 5. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 5-16 plus 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 12,000. Futures closed quiet.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·25	6·27	6·31
+3	+3	+3
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May	May-June
6·35	6·38	6·41
+2	+2	+2
June-July	July-Aug	Aug-Sep
6·42	6·43	6·35
+1	+1	+2

Receipts at U S Ports	44,000
Do last year	55,000
Exports to Great Britain	21,000
Do. do Continent	32 000

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	12·15—5 } a
Futures, month of Dec	11·46—17
Do. do. March	11·85—17

a Advanced early owing to firm cables but declined later through bear pressure largely from New Orleans.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	11 15-16
Futures, month of March	12·16—9
Do. do. June	12 39—9
Tone at close	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 48 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Monday, 18th Dec. 1905 :—

Cotton	23,851 bales.
Wheat	12,128 cwts.
Linseed	2,404 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	837 do
Gingellyseed	22,142 do
Poppyseed	418 do
Groundnut	210 do
Castorseed	7,056 do
Rice	9,959 do
Myrabollams	3,858 do
Cottonseed	32,360 do
Mowraseed	726 do
Gram	2,308 do
Joowar	391 do
Maize	nil

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Do. 6 do. do. ...	1s. 4 1-2d.
French Francs 3 do. do. ...	171 1-4
Marcks 3 do. do. ...	149
Hongkong 30 Days Sight ...	147
Shanghai 30 do. ...	207
Japan 30 do. ...	150 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	97·10
1st Settlement, 4th January ...	97·12

Money Market. Tone strong.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England	since 28th Sept.	4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 14th Dec.	7 do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 14th	7 do.
Bank of Madras	do. 10th July	4 do.

SEEDS.

	Rs. a. p.
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Yellow Guzerat, Ready	7 7 0
POPPYSEED—Tone firm.	
Ready	8 8 0
CASTORSEED—Tone firm.	
Ready	32 0 0
GINGELLYSEED—Tone firm.	
Howree Khandeish	43 1-2
15 per cent Mixed	42 3-4
WHEAT—Tone quieter.	
White Delhi ready...	5 1 0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady.
Estimated sales	8,000 Bales
Imports	72,000 ,,

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
6·24	6 26	6·30
—1	—1	—1
Mar.-April	April-May	May-June.
6·34	6·37	6·40
—1	—1	—1
June-July	July.-Aug	Aug.-Sept.
6·41	6·42	6·34
—1	—1	—1

COTTON.—The market is steady with a moderate rate enquiry. Prices are quoted Rs. 1 to 2 lower than yesterday.

Closing Sutta quotations are as follows.

Bengals Fully Good January ....Rs. 198
Broach M.-G. Good March.............. ,, 256 1 2

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

	Fine. F.-G. Good,	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	...207 199 ...	25th Dec
Bengal (M.-G.) Ry. terms...	...212 202 ...	25th Dec
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...	...214 204 ...	25th Dec
Oomrawutte (descriptions) M.-G.	222 216 ...	25th Jan
Khandeish, (M.-G.) ...	... 214 ...	25th Jan
Khamgaum, fair staple (M.-G.) } Karanja do. (M.-G) } Akola do. (M.-G.) }	223 217 ...	25th Jan
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.) ...	235 229 ...	,,
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.)	233 227 ...	,,
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.) ...	237 232 ...	,,
Broach (M.-G.) ...	271 ... 266	25th Mar.
Muttia...... (M. G.) ...	220 ...	25th February
Dharwar (S G) ...	... 245	25th May
Western ...	... 230	,,

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, Dec. 19.

The depression from Persia has given a secondary depression over the Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province. The rainfall has been nearly general over Baluchistan, the Punjab, the North-West Frontier Province and Sind. Snow has fallen in Kashmir. Cherat report three and a half inches, Murree two and a half, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Minimarg one inch, and half an inch at Quetta, Chaman, Multan, Dera Ismail Khan, Sialkot, and one inch at Lahore. Moderately heavy rain is likely to continue in the Punjab and the northern districts of the North West-Frontier Province and may extend eastwards into the neighbouring districts of the United Provinces. Further snowfall is likely in Kashmir. Some rain is possible in Rajputana.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 19TH DEC.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk is rapid fall in the Punjab, Rajputana and at Jhansi and a slight rise or fall elsewhere.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The variations of the maximum temperature show an excess of 6° to 9° at Surat, Khandwa, Neemuch, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Deesa and Ajmer and those of the minimum an excess of 5° to 15° in Rajputana and at Lahore, Sirsa, Surat, Saugor, Veraval, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Karachi, Jhansi and Agra. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Deesa and the lowest 45° at Allahabad.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in Rajputana, the Punjab and at Agra, Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Cochin, Coimbatore and Negapatam.

Rain.—Sirsa and Lahore received about half an inch, and Karachi and Jacobabad light showers.

Weather.—The depression mentioned in yesterday's report has travelled eastwards and its centre this morning was somewhere to the north of Jacobabad. Weather is hence unsettled to the north of Latitude 22° and local rain appears likely in Sind and the Punjab. Weather will become cloudy in the United Provinces.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

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Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m.
Abell's Circus, Esplanade.

REPORTED THEFT.—Mogal Jan, an Arab woman, residing at Kamatipura, reports to the police that her house was broken into some time during an Monday night and gold and silver ornaments and wearing apparel and cash of the collective value of Rs. 4,030 were stolen from a locked drawer which was broken open.

POSTAL NOTICE—Mails for Lamu, Mombassa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam Zanzibar, Tanga Quilimane Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay per s. s. Somali will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a. m. to-morrow, instant of to-day as previously notified Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

BAND AT THE COOPERAGE.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. S. J. Sarjant, V. D. and Officers of 1st Battn. G. I. P. Ry. Vol. Band will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Band Master commencing at 5-45 p.m. to-day :—

March	Warren Point	Collins
Overture	Poet and Peasant	Suppe
Selection	The Earl and the Girl	Caryle
Intermezzo	Two Steps Anona	Gray
Selection	The Bohemian Girl	Balf
American Sketch	By the Swani River	Middleton

MUSIC AT THE PYRKE'S APOLLO HOTEL.—The Victoria String Band will play the following programme of music at the Pyrke's Apollo Restaurant, commencing from 6-30 till 9-30 p.m. to-day :—

March	In Sunny Africa	T S Barron
Overture	Light Cavalry	F von Suppe
Valse	Ensueno Seductor	J Rozas
Selection	The Gay Parisienne	W Williams
March	Sound of Peal	F von Blon
Mazurka	Trombone Solo Cramponette	L Bagnot
Valse	Sympathie	Mezzacapo
Galop	Fizz	H J Tinney

A CRUEL MOTHER.—The dead body of a newly-born female child was on Monday evening found lying wrapped up in a piece of cloth in a gutter at Oomercary. On examination the infant's mouth was found to be gagged with a quantity of cloth. Police enquiries led to the arrest of a Mahomedan woman named Fatmabai, the mother of the child. The woman resides in Gilder Street and admitted having taken the child to Oomercary shortly after its birth the other night and after having gagged it threw it into the gutter and walked away Mr. P. Byrne the Coroner, held an inquest on the body yesterday morning and after recording some evidence adjourned the inquiry.

STORY OF A HAND-BAG.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Karsandas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, one Rama alias Tatia Ganoo, aged 12, residing at Mandvi, and Dhondia Abaji, having no residence, were charged, the former with stealing a hand bag containing Rs. 176 and the latter with receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen. Superintendent Stanford prosecuted. A few days ago a European lady, name unknown was shopping in Sheik Memon Street. While examining some cloth in the shop she left her hand-bag which contained Rs. 120 in notes and Rs. 53 in cash on a seat close by. The first accused then picked up the bag and made off with it. Subsequently the first accused was arrested on suspicion and he confessed having given Rs. 50 to the second accused as hush money, Rs. 86 were recovered from one Gamabai, with whom the first accused resided to whom he had given them for safe custody. The first accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 days' rigorous imprisonment and ordered to be sent to the Yarrowda Reformatory for 6 years. The second accused was ordered to receive twenty-five stripes. The money recovered was ordered to be proclaimed.

KEEPING A GAMING HOUSE.—Yesterday, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. N. W. Kemp, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Hassan prosecuted Rawji Sawji a Hindu, with keeping a common gaming house in Duncan Road. Evidence for the prosecution showed that the police had strong suspicion that in a room of house No. 57 on Duncan Road. Gambling was going on, and they kept a sharp look-out for that. On the night of of Saturday last, the police raided the house and arrested seven persons in the act of gaming and they were put before the Third Presidency Magistrate, who convicted them and they were fined in sums ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 15. But the accused could not be found amongst those seven. Enquiries showed that the room in question was rented by the accused wherein for sometime past he allowed gambling. The accused pleaded not guilty to the charge. He admitted the room was rented in his name and gambling was going on there before he rented it. He never allowed gambling in the room. On the night in question he locked the room and went to the Mahim Fair, leaving the key in charge of his wife. He did not know what happened then. He returned from Mahim only yesterday morning. He suspected Mazan Valji, his servant, and one of the seven gamblers convicted, to have gone to his wife and took the key from her of his room and gambled there with six others. The accused could call no evidence in defence. His Worship, on evidence before him convicted the accused who bore two previous convictions for gambling, and sentenced him to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment.

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ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SECOND DAY.

THE Annual Athletic Sports of the Bombay Garrison Artillery was brought to a happy termination last evening on the maidan at Colaba in the presence of a large and appreciable gathering, and the Committee, which consisted of Captain Walton Jennings, Mr. C. McG. Yates, Mr. E. C. Griffin, and Mr. H. Pope, have to be highly congratulated, not only on yesterday's results, but also on the success achieved in the preliminary heats on Monday afternoon. There was again a very large and appreciable gathering present including Brigadier General and Mrs. Greenfield. As in previous years the entries throughout were remarkably good, and with the excellent Band of the Yorkshire Regiment in attendance a most enjoyable afternoon's outing was spent. The programme of event was throughout interesting, but the most interesting of all was perhaps the final pull-off in the Tug-of-War between No. 77 and No. 61 Companies No 77 have so far held a reputation of possessing a company of some grit and, under the coaching of Brigade Sergeant-Major Marchant, have again on this occasion secured the laurels they so well deserve. The "pull" was a strong and long one, lasting no less than thirteen minutes and twenty-seven seconds. At the conclusion of the Sports Mrs. Greenfield kindly undertook the somewhat onerous duties of distributing the prizes to the successful competitors after which three cheers were given for Mrs. Greenfield, the Committee, and the visitors respectively. An amusing feature of the afternoon's proceedings was the Christy Minstrel entertainment by a number of the members of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who contributed in a large measure towards the afternoon's success. During the afternoon the Officers non-Commissioned Officers and Rank of and File of the Royal Garrison Artillery were "At Home" to their numerous friends, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The following were the results of yesterday's competitions :—

120 YARDS HURDLE (FINAL).

Gr. Wakeman	1
Br. Elphin	2
Gr. Mc Cheyne	3

LONG JUMP.

Gr. Ward	1
Gr. Greenish	2
Gr. Guest	3

100 YARDS FLAT (FINAL).

Gr Griest	1
Br Elphin	2
Gr McCheyne	3

BOOT RACE (LASCARS).

Mohon Lall Patan	1
No. 477	2
Balchandrra Chini	3

440 YARDS FLAT.

Gr. Guest	1
Br. Elphin	2
Gr McCheyne	3

TUG-OF-WAR (CUP AND RS 55)

No. 77 beat No. 61.

(Time—19 min. 27 secs.

100 YARDS FLAT (OPEN TO NATIVE TROOPS BOMBAY GARRISON).

Pte Lalcha	1
Pte Amudin	2
Pte Abdul Rehman	3

ONE MILE (OPEN TO BRITISH TROOPS, BOMBAY GARRISON, BOMBAY). POLICE, AND BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

Gr. Batchelor	1
Gr. McCheyne	2
Gr Knight	3

BOOT RACE (R. G. A.)

Mr. Roughton	1
Gr. Butler	2

BAND RACE.

Bds. C Smith	1
Bds. A Smith	2
Dds Dyson	3

RELAY RACE.

Gr. Guest	1
Br. Elphin	2

TILTING AT BUCKET.

Gr. Evendin	1
Gr. Butler	2

BALACLAVA MELEE.

Gr. Coles and Tr. Triggs	1
Gr. Lyman and Gr. Scarrat	2

INDIA'S "OLD MOORE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I beg to send herewith a further forecast and shall feel obliged if you will kindly insert the same in your much esteemed journal. On 3rd November last, the "Indian Daily News" and several other Indian newspapers published a forecast for the next year. The Pundit then predicted that the Balfour Ministry will shortly resign, and this has now come to pass. Most of his prophesies published in December and January last have turned out true. His calculations regarding the postponement of the Coronation of our King-Emperor, the result of the Boer War, and the holding of the Coronation Durbar at Delhi were fulfilled, and of whom the "Pioneer" of November 19th 1902, the "Bombay Gazette" of December 18th 1903, and several English and Indian newspapers wrote in nigh terms.—Your, etc.,

PUNDIT RAM NARAIN YOGSASTRI.

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Further astrological and clarevoyant calculations by Pundit Ram Narayan Yogashastri of Cawnpore, at present of 45, Dhurmtolla Street, Calcutta for the year 1906.

(1) In 1907 and 1908 there will be no famine in India and the people will enjoy peace.
(2) In February or March next there will be untimely rain and hailstorm in India on a smaller scale, and in several parts of the world to a considerable extent. These will cause great loss to the people.
(3) Locusts will occasionally do great mischief to crops in several parts of India and other countries.
(4) During the current year the people in general will not enjoy peace of mind.
(5) There will be several wonderful occasions in the year which will astonish the people.
(6) In 1909 and 1910 ninety-nine per cent of the population of India will feeatisfied to a considerable extent.
(7) From March next up to the end of 1908 the sky in the South and West will be visible in red colour. The result may be an outbreak of a war in other parts of the world.
(8) Several bad signs will be visible in the sky from the year 1906 to 1908.
(9) The mortality among men and animals will be very great during the year 1906.
(10) The present Ministry of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman will be worthy of the traditions of the Liberal party and be popular. But they are not likely to continue long in the office.

CONFLAGRATION AT TARA.

AN APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—During the night between Friday and Saturday last (Dec. 15 to 16) a fire broke out in the village of Tara, situated at the south end of Juvem island in Salsette. The flames spread from house to house till twenty-four homes were entirely destroyed, together with clothing, stores of grain and other property. Twenty Bhandari-families and four fisher-families are thus rendered destitute, without shelter, without food, without change of clothes, and what is more, without means of repairing their losses. May I appeal to the public on behalf of the sufferers. Any donations received by me Archbishop's house will be forwarded to Juvem for the restoration of the village and the support of the sufferers.—Yours, &c.

TH. DALHOFF, S.J.,
Archbishop of Bombay.

Archbishop's House, Wodehouse Rd., Bombay Dec. 19.

THE "Punjab Gazette" Christmas number published without authority by Santa "Clause" is a distinct improvement on the weekly issue of that important publication and we welcome the Editor of No. 1 as a desirable member on the roll of humanists. Messrs. Thacker Spink and Co. are publishing the little book at the price of a humble rupee and it is quite worth it.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

LIBERALS IN THE LORDS.

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN'S PROBABLE ELEVATION.

THE HOME RULE SPECTRE.

LONDON, December 2nd.—"The Times" suggests that the Earl of Rosebery's attitude towards Home Rule, Earl Spencer's illness, and the Marquis of Ripon's advanced age render it possible that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will go to the House of Lords, in which case Mr. Asquith will, doubtless, lead the House of Commons.

Mr. John Redmond, speaking yesterday at Waterford, said that no English statesman would be able to displace Home Rule as a great Imperial question, the hour for the solution of which would not mean a scheme of devolution, but an Irish Parliament, with a responsible executive.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LEAGUE TO PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP.

London, Dec. 2.—At a meeting held in Westminster yesterday under the Presidency of Lord Avebury, a committee was formed to promote friendship between Britain and Germany.

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

AN INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

London, December 2nd.—In deference to Canada's views, the subject of Imperial organisation has been deferred until the next conference.

Owing to the inability of the Australasia Premiers to attend a Colonial Conference in the spring of 1906, Mr. Lyttelton inquires as to the adviaability of postponement until 1907.

Canada implies that the proposed Imperial Council might possibly be regarded as an encroachment on the autonomous powers of the colonies, and suggests, as a more acceptable title, that of Imperial Conference.

The Times states that the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, is due to his dependence upon French Canadians.

NEW ZEALAND vs. ENGLAND.

80,000 SPECTATORS.

London, Dec. 2.—The long-looked-forward to Rugby Football match between England and the visiting New Zealand team took place at the Crystal Palace to-day. There was an enormous crowd numbering fully 80,000, establishing a record for a Rugby football match in England. All the Rugby matches in London and many Association games had been scratched to allow the players to witness the match. England had a fine side out including seven old internationals. Among the players were:—V. Cartwright (Captain), Godfray, Hind and Shewring. The home team played five threequarter backs, with Raphael as rover. For the visitors, Gallaher and McGregor replaced Mynott and Smith, the latter having damaged his shoulder at Limerick, Newton replaced Cunningham, otherwise the team was the same as last Saturday. The weather was fine, but the ground was terrible heavy. Six minutes from the start M'Gregor secured a try but Wallace failed to convert. Ten minutes later M'Gregor scored another try, and just before half-time a third, but Wallace failed to convert either. At half-time the scores were:—New Zealand. 9 points; England, nil. In the second-half New Zealand pressed for a quarter-of an-hour. Then good forward work by England carried the play into the New Zealand 25. After half-an-hour Newton secured a fourth try from a forward rush, but Wallace again failed. Soon afterward M'Gregor scored another try, but Gillett failed to convort. England then pressed, and rushed the the ball over the line, but New Zealand kicked it dead. There were no further scores to the end, and the game thus ended in a victory for New Zealend by 5 tries (15 points) to nil.

RESULTS OF THE TOUR.

Devon, defeated by 9-4 to 1 goal.
Cornwall, defeated by 4-7 to nil.
Bristol, defeated by 7-2 to nil.
Northampton, defeated by 4-4 to nil.
Leicester, defeated by 5-1 to nil.
Middlesex, defeated by 5-3 to nil.
Durham defeated by 2-2 to 1 try.
Hartlepool, defeated by 9-6 to nil.
Northumberland, defeated by 2-7 to nil.
Gloucester, defeated by 7-3 to nil.
Somerset, defeated by 3-3 to nil.
Devonport Albions, defeated by 3-2 to 1 goal.
Midlands, defeated by 3-2 to 1 goal.
Surrey, defeated by 1-2 to nil.
Blackheath, defeated by 3-5 to nil.
Oxford University, defeated by 4-9 to nil.
Cambridge University, defeated by 1-3 to nil.
Richmond, defeated by 1-4 to nil.
Bedford, defeated by 4-7 to nil.
Scotland defeated by 0-4 to 0-1
West of Scotland, defeated by 2-4 to nil.
Ireland, defeated by 3-0 to nil.
Munster, defeated by 4-5 to nil.
England, defeated by 0 5 to nil.

COMING FIXTURES.

December 21st, v. Glamorgan.
Do. 23rd, v. Newport, at Newport.
Do. 26th, v. Cardiff, at Cardiff.
Do. 30th, v. Swansea, at Swansea.

THE ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

Melbourne, Nov. 29.—Mr. Knox, in the House of Representatives, asked Mr. Chapman whether he would allow the Chamber of Commerce to inspect the conditions embodied in the tenders to be called shortly for the English mail service.

Mr. Chapman was cheered by the Ministerial and Labour members as he replied that he would be pleased to receive any representation from the Chambers of Commerce or any other representative bodies, but he could not undertake to submit the conditions to them.

Mr. Page : It is cool cheek to ask you to do so.

Mr. Chapman : To do so would involve serious delay which it is imperative to avoid if the difficulties attending the negotiation for the existing service are not to be repeated.

Mr. Thomas : Will the Postmaster-General also submit the conditions to the Political Labour Leagues ? (Labour laughter.)

Mr. Knox : If the Government had no objection they could give the information.

S. AUSTRALIAN PROMPTING.

Adelaide, Nov. 27.—The president Adelaide Chamber of Commerce (Mr. James Gartrell) telegraphed to-day to the president of the General Council of the Chamber of Commerce (Mr. W. Knox M. H. R.) urging him to ask in the Federal Parliament that the conditions for the English mail service be submitted to the various Chambers of the Commonwealth before tenders are invited.

JUBBULPORE NOTE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 18.

After all Jubulpore is to have the honor of seeing the future King and Queen of England.

As I said in my June notes, Jubbulpore will not yield to any station in India in a loyal and royal welcome to Their Royal Highnesses.

Amongst other things there can be no doubt that the Royal party will be greatly pleased with the sight of the Marble Rocks which no one visiting India should miss seeing. The 1st Brahmans will be presented with their new Colours by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The King presented that Regiment with their colours on last occasion on which they were presented to them.

Weddings seem to be the order of the day just now at Jubbulpore.

The cold has been intense, the thermometre standing at 32° in the mornings and only for the past two days or so has there been a change in the weather as the chilliness has partly disappeared and given place to warm days. But intense cold will set in again without doubt.

At present we are free from plague, though it has been rather severe at Panagar not 12 miles away.

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LORD CURZON AND PARLIAMENT.

THE desire to see Lord Curzon, a representative of the City of London in the next Parliament is apparently not so unanimous as his lordship would desire. He will only accept the offer provided the seat is not contested. There are two seats for London City and on numerous occasions, within the last twenty years, they have been filled without opposition. In 1885 three Conservatives fought for the two vacancies, Sir Robert Fowler and Mr. Hubbard leaving Mr. Cotton a long way behind. The following year the two retiring members were re-elected unopposed, Mr. Hubbard became Lord Addington and Mr. T. C. Baring was returned without opposition. Mr. Baring died and Mr. H. H. Gibbs was returned no opponent forthcoming. Sir Robert Fowler died in 1891 and again a contest was avoided, Sir Reginald Hauson being chosen. At the General Election of 1892 Alderman Ritchie, also a Conservative, thought it worth while to endeavour to upset the sitting members, but he was hopelessly defeated, being over six thousand behind Mr. R. Hanson and five thousand behind Mr. A. G. H. Gibbs who succeeded his father, now become Lord Aldenham. In 1895 no attempt was made to dispute the representation. But in 1900 Mr. Reginald Hanson's seat was taken by Sir Joseph Dimsdale, that gentleman electing to stand when Sir Edward Clarke hesitated, and he and Mr. Gibbs were elected, again without a contest. Mr. Gibbs retired at the time the two Chilian warships were purchased by Government from the firm of which he was a member, but he was re-elected without a fight last year. Mr. Gibbs having represented the City for thirteen years is not likely to appreciate the honour of stepping aside to make room for Lord Curzon or any other man unless perchance Mr. Balfour were unseated. It cannot be expected that the Liberal candidate Mr. Shuster will withdraw, for doubtless he hopes to step in between the other two. As to Sir Edward Clarke, we are not at all surprised, Conservative though he be, that he will not consent to withdraw his candidature for the City a second time. He would have been elected in place of Sir Joseph Dimsdale had he gone through, and being a Londoder, bred and born, he will prove a more popular candidate than any other. If Lord Curzon changes his mind and fights—and surely a brief sojourn in India has not spoilt him for the turmoil of an election—he may get thrown, but on the other hand it will be more to his credit to fight. Why should the City of London be reduced to the status of a pocket borough when there are men capable and willing to wrestle for every vote. Surely a safe seat may be found for him elsewhere. The "Times" is less than kind in suggesting that failing the City of London, the Lords would be a more appropriate place for him. Our contemporary forgets that our late Viceroy is a speaker and that he would prefer the place where he is certain of an audience. To put him in the Lords, while he is still young and eloquent, would be to do him an injustice.

THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE SERVICE.

GENERAL SIR STANLEY EDWARDES, Chairman of the Imperial Service College Trust sends us a Prospectus of its aim and an appeal to the public for support in its efforts to provide a liberal education both mental and physical, conducted on modern lines and on a moderate scale of fees, for the sons and descendants of officers of the Imperial Forces both of the Crown and Colonies and of the members of the higher Civil Services at home and abroad. It is a scheme which should commend itself to those for whose benefit it is devised. The Trust was incorporated two years ago as an association debarred from making any profit. Thus the whole of the fees, endowments, donations, and so forth must be expended entirely in the education and maintenance of the boys, whose parents, mostly officers and Civil Servants, are by no means wealthy and unable to meet the charges of the great Public Schools of the country. The Trust has obviated the difficulty of starting an entirely new school by taking over the United Service College, well-known as Westward Ho! and established there thirty years ago, and has removed it to a more convenient and a fine healthy position at Harpenden, Herts, some twenty-five miles from London. In addition, a Junior School has been taken over and established at Bognor, one main object of which is to educate boys for the Royal Navy. There is also to be a "Colonial side," the plans of which have been prepared with a knowledge of the requirements of Colonial life. It is hoped ultimately to establish a College for five hundred boys, but the first step contemplated is the provision of accommodation for two hundred boys for which the capital expenditure is estimated at £45,000. In order to lay the scheme before those interested, a meeting was held at the Mansion House on the afternoon of the 26th October, at which the Lord Mayor presided and which was largely attended. The scheme having been formally launched it remains now for the public to come forward and support the efforts of the Trust. Up to the present, the burden of expense has been borne by the generosity of a certain number of Officers who have dipped very deeply into their private purses to start and maintain the College. They cannot, however, be expected of themselves to continue to bear the expense. It must be remembered that the immediate object is to place the schools in a position of self-support and to enlarge them to accommodate two hundred boys, to attain which intermediate state a sum of £45,000 is required and is now appealed for. The Chairman of the Trust indicates three ways in which those who wish to further this movement can best assist:—(1) by giving donations towards the amount now asked for; (2) by giving special donations for any purpose connected with the college in which the donor may be particularly in sympathy, such as providing laboratories, workshops, endowments, etc.; (3) by becoming annual members of the Trust at £1 1s. per annum, their liability being limited to £1 in case of liquidation of the Trust. General Sir Stanley Edwardes the Chairman of the Trust, is an old and well-known officer of the Bombay Army and Admiral Sir Edward R. Freemantle, Vice-Chairman, is also well-known throughout the service. Lord Lytton and Mr. V. Biscoe Tritton are the Hon. Treasurers.

The scheme, it is worthy of note, has the active support of, among others, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Roberts, Lord Mount Stephen, Lord Charles Beresford, the Duke of Portland, Lord Wolseley, Lord Harris, Sir W. Lee-Warner, Lord Reay, and numerous other officers and Civilians, of experience, both at Home and in Greater Britain, especially India. The system of education designed is "one which shall ensure that every boy shall be soundly educated and prepared, according to his capabilities, to make his own way in life, well trained in mind and body. It is hoped by the founding of a Colonial Side to add to public school life a really practically elementary training for Colonial life." As to the complaints of the uncertain results of public school education the Council of the Imperial Service College Trust will express no opinion, preferring instead to emphasize that their supreme aim in handling the school is real efficiency of mental and physical training, and even at this stage they can claim most encouraging results, their desire being to secure for every individual boy that, which is after all most essential, a "bread-winning education." In illustration of those results it is shown that all boys for the Army Entrance examinations are sent up direct without any selection or restriction, and on the regular work of the School, that of the last twenty-seven candidates twenty-six were successful. The after-results show that candidates trained on this system can afford to enter at the earliest opportunity without waiting for high places on the list, for the cadets of the United Service College passed out on the average with a gain of thirty-five places at Woolwich and fifty-three at Sandhurst. The problem of where to send our boys seems to have been solved under the Imperial Service College Scheme. We can not only secure a thorough education for our boys, but can pass them through the qualifying examinations without the expensive, almost prohibitive, aid of coach or crammer. The Council, we are glad to note, recognises that it is too often the case that school-training falls short of any definite relation to the life of responsible manhood, and it therefore aims at so educating the rising generation as to make it not merely a generation of scientific, professional or industrial proficients, but good citizens of the Empire. The general idea of the practical training is the teaching of boys to overcome difficulties and to make use of crude material by their own personal exertions, rather than that they attend demonstrations conducted by experts and involving little exertion on the part of the pupils.

The scheme has been wonderfully well thought out in every particular, even as to the best manner of obtaining preliminary funds. Something between seven and eight thousand pounds was subscribed on the first list, and it is confidently anticipated that the full account of capital, namely £45,000 will shortly be forthcoming. Lest any one be misled by the belief that the scheme will prove a money-making venture, intending subscribers are warned that members of the Trust are debarred by the Articles of Association from making any profit directly, or indirectly, and that any profit which may arise will be utilised for the benefit of an Exhibition Fund which is designed to assist, according to individual needs, in rendering the school available for boys whose means would not allow of their paying even the ordinary scale of fees. These fees, it may be mentioned, will be inclusive and on these again no profit will be aimed at. Another satisfactory feature is that the scheme meets the approbation of numerous practical educationists. The late Director of Naval Construction and Assistant Controller of the Royal Navy says in a very large number of instances, perhaps in the majority, students at technical institutions have to pass the first year of their training there in acquiring knowledge which ought to be in their possession when they leave their secondary schools. This want, he foresees, the new scheme will do much to supply; it is "one of great practical utility and great promise of successful development." It affords gratification to Lord Roberts to learn that all boys will be taught to handle a rifle and will have cadet corps training. And in this connection an advance of most school military training is arranged, for the corps will be a cadet company of Royal Engineer Volunteers, this decision having been come to on account of the useful technical training thus added to the strictly military course. All boys will be taught to swim and, so far as opportunity offers, will be taught the handling of boats, together with rough boat-building and pontoon construction. We believe the scheme will receive the support it so undoubtedly deserves and would urge those who seek inexpensive and sound training for their sons to write either to Lord Lytton or Mr. Biscoe Tritton, at 112 St. Martin's Lane for a copy of the prospectus.

MORE MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

As was anticipated Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, receives a peerage. Either Sir Edmond Grey or Lord Edmond, was bound to, as it would never do to have both Chief and Assistant in the same House. Sir Edmond, it may be observed, is brother of the ex-Foreign Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, but, alas, is of the opposite political colour. He held the same office in the 1882-5 Gladstonian Administration, succeeding Sir Charles Dilke. He turned Liberal, when least it was expected of him. Mr. Kearley, who becomes Under-Secretary to the Board of Trade, as Mr. Lloyd-George was officially notified as Secretary, is a tea and provision merchant, who has done good work in the prevention of food adulteration. Mr. Runciman, who goes to assist Mr. John Burns in the Local Government Board, is a shipowner, and a Radical of aristocratic tastes, with but six years' experience of Parliamentary work, though now 35 years of age. Mr. Lough, who will assist Mr. Birrell on the Board of Education, is a tea and coffee dealer, now 55 years of age. He is a non-Conformist, and may be regarded as a sop to the "conscience." All these gentlemen, it will be observed, have been appointed Secretaries by Reuter, but the word "Under" has probably dropped out in transmission, as the official announcement of the choice of Secretaries came to hand a week ago.

OUT of seven candidates who appeared at the recent examination for the office of Advocate of the Bombay High Court, Mr. Bhulabhoy J. Desai and Mr. Gajanand M. Gupte have been declared to have passed successfully.

THE goods traffic on the B.B. & C.I. Railway for the week ending 25th November 1905, shows a decrease on the corresponding week of 1904, of 95,013 mds. and Rs. 9,782 in the earnings.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway, for the week ending 4th Nov. amounted to Rs. 1,296, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 861. Total earnings from 1st July to 4th November were Rs. 26,259, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 4,151.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway, for the week ending 4th November, amounted to Rs. 15,481 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 5,184. Total earnings from 1st July to 4th November were Rs. 2,13,753, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 74,132.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad-Prantej Railway, for the week ending 4th November, amounted to Rs. 3,514 being an increase on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 458. Total earnings from 1st July to 4th November were Rs. 51,084, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 4,467.

H. H. THE SULTAN of Zanzibar has issued a Decree for the restriction of Immigration with the approval of his Majesty's Government. The Decree, which is of a lengthy and formal character, is chiefly directed against "undesirables." It will be published at length in the Official Gazette.

IN consequence of withdrawal of Pilot vessel Frazer from Sandheads for docking from 21st inst., communication by wireless telegraphy between Saugor Island and the Sandheads will be suspended from the same date till further notice.

SHOOTING, says a Rangoon correspondent, has been stopped for the present on the lake at Paunglin, near Mimbu, which has been specially reserved for the Prince of Wales's visit.

ARRANGEMENTS are in progress to hold the second All-India Temperance Conference at Benares during Christmas Week. It will be under the presidency of Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Kt., President of the Bombay Temperance Council.

THE "entente cordiale" has brought about an extraordinary demand for Scotch tartans in France. The demand, in fact, is so great that the Glasgow manufacturers cannot cope with it,

A TOWN councillor of Saargemund has been sent to gaol for yawning while the toast of "The Kaiser" was being proposed at an official banquet. Germany is no place for a dauntless critic.

IT is reported that there is some reason to believe that the activity of the Excise Department in Calcutta, in restricting the sale of cocaine has had the effect of stimulating the demand for morphia, a drug just as pernicious in its result. Large quantities of morphia are imported into Calcutta, and the Board of Revenue has called for a special report as to how and where the drug finds a sale.

ALICE HERBERT writes in an evening paper that in making excuses in one's own person, the refutable lie is undesirable. Not long ago a lady was given one stall for a popular play. Not wishing to go by herself, she used the ticket for a bookmarker for three days. On the fourth, she wrote to say how great an intellectual treat the evening had been to her. The ticket, after the letter had gone, proved to be dated for a week later than the writer had imagined. This form of affability has its drawbacks.

LORD JUSTICE-CLERK KINGSBURGH, who fainted on the bench at Edinburgh, is in his sixty-ninth year, and has perhaps a longer record of versatile activity under his name than any occupant of the columns of "Who's Who." But like a true MacDonald, he has given most attention, after law, to militarism, and he was always proudest of his title of Major-General commanding the Forth Volunteer Brigade. One of his handbooks on tactics—"Common Sense on Parade"—was used by a clansman, if not a kinsman of his, the late Major-General Hector MacDonald, for drilling the Egyptian army.

THE attention of the Madras Government having recently been directed to certain anomalies in the transliteration table for Malayalam, printed in the Board's Standing Orders, the same has been carefully revised. In this language the difficulty in transliteration is materially enhanced by the fact that four dentals and four cerebrals in Malayalam have but two letters in English to represent their eight distinct sounds, while the six nasals have but one letter "n" in English as their equivalent and the three sibilants have only one letter "s" to represent them.

IT appears that, in spite of all the efforts of the Bengal Government to encourage vernacular education, the Bengal persists in his desire to learn English. Last year, according to the Report of Mr. Pedler, the Director of Public Instruction, there was again a decrease in the number of children attending the primary schools. A few years ago the Government put a stop to the practice of teaching English in the lowest schools. Since then, by means of larger grants and by increasing the status and salaries of teachers, Government made every effort to popularise vernacular education, and for a time these methods promised to succeed; but the decline in attendance has again set in.

MORE PICTURES FROM "PUNCH."

ADVANTAGE has been taken of the re-issue of "Pictures from 'Punch'" from the office of the "Review of Reviews" to bring the famous collection up to date, and the four handsome volumes bound in befittingly cheerful red covers form a pictorial history of our own times which for humour, vivacity and insight is not only unsurpassed but occupies a position of unchallenged supremacy. Mrs. Battle thought a "clear fire, a clean hearth, and the rigour of the game" the heighty, of felicity and there is much to be said for her conception of an enviable evening but for our own part we should prefer these mirthful-books, and the hearth might go unswept provided we had them.

Here is the immortal Mr. Brigg, stout, rubicund, simple, own brother to the no less immortal Jorrocks, both creations of John Leech, in his surprising series of adventures in the Highlands, and his equally surprising adventures in housekeeping; here are Charles Keene's sober-minded business-like, self-satisfied citizens; Keene's and Leech's buxom matrons, prim housekeepers, "growler" cabbies, chaffy drivers of "hansoms," gorgeous flunkies, irrepressible barbers, and humorous bus men. Here, to come to later days, are Du Maurier's "daughters of the Gods, divinely tall and most divinely fair"; Phil May with his marvellously life-like gutter-snipes his Arries and 'Arriets fresh from 'Ampstead 'Eath; Jalland's inimitable series of "moving accidents" in the hunting field; E. T. Reed's quaint prehistoric nightmares; Bernard Partridge "skilful beyond compare in the black (and white) art"; Tom Browne, with his strongly characteristic studies; Brock, with his dainty rogues in porcelain"; and Raven Hill with his wittily illustrated quotations.

Dress and mode pass through kaleidoscopic changes, but the type survives. Dundreary whiskers give place to shaven faces, crinolines to clinging draperies, omnibuses to motor cars, gout to influenza, but "hoc genus omne" has suffered little change. That the 'bus conductor's power of repartee was as fully developed twenty years ago as it is to-day is shown in a drawing by Charles Keene. Scene: A crowded omnibus: at the door the conductor is arguing with elderly fare:

Old Gent. (having had to pay twice): "But I'm positive I handed you the money! It may probably have dropped down the as slit in the door?"

Conductor: "Slit in the door! Well, 'taint likely I'm going to turn the 'bus upside down for sixpence!"

Or take the irrepressible barber, who is still with us also sketched by Keene. Scene: A barber's shop: irascible old gentleman is seated in a chair having his hair cut.

Our Barber: "What you want, sir" (running his fingers through his customer's few remaining hairs), "is a bottle of my hair-resto——"

Customer (virulently): "What I want, sir, is a divorce!"

(The conversation taking this portentous turn, our barber drops it.)

The gift of irony possessed by 'bus drivers to-day has been handed down from generation to generation for Keene has drawn a knifeboard 'bus with a stout fare standing on the pavement and the conductor standing on his circular perch conversing with the driver.

Driver (impatient): "Now, Bill, what's it all about?"

Conductor: "Gentleman wants to be put down at No. 20a in Claringdon-square, fust portico on the right after you pass the Red Lion, private entrance round the corner!"

Driver: "O, certainly Ask the gentleman if we shall drive upstairs an' set 'im down at 'is bedroom door in the three-pair back!"

Or, take this by John Leech: Angry driver (addressing another): "You're a pretty fellow, you are. You call yourself a man? Why, I've seen a better man than you made out of tealeaves!"

Nor is the cabby of earlier days surpassed by the Jehu of 1906.

Swell (to Hansom Cabby): "Oh, nawnsense; half a crown's too much. Here's eightcenpence; I ain't such a fool as I look."

Cabby: "Ain't yer sir? Then I only wish yer was!"

Now turn to the modern representatives of these types and note how little they have changed Raven Hill has a vigorous sketch of an omnibus driver and a hansom cabby in altercation. The driver has turned half round in order to hurl some peculiarly objectionable epithet at the cabbys head, and the conductor is abetting his comrade's efforts. The cabby, glaring with rage, points, towards the interior of the cab, which contains an exceedingly innocent-looking curate, and exclaims, "Oh, if I hadn't got something inside, I'd talk to you!"

Or look at A. S. Boyd's picture. A young man from the country, with the affable condescension he supposes marks the Man about Town, addresses the coachman of the 'bus thus: "Morning, coachman! Streets rather busy this morning, eh?"

Metropolitan Driver: "Yuss. A bit the usual way, Sir 'Ow's 'ops lookin'?"

Again, the unhappy result of a barber's efforts to sell his wares is thus depicted by Phil May. The new assistant is attending to one man, the manager to a second a little distance from him. New Assistant (after hair-cutting, to Jones, who has been away for a couple of weeks): "Your 'air is very thin behind, sir. Try singeing!" Jones (after a pause): "Yes, I think I will." New Assistant (after singeing): "Shampoo, sir? Good for the 'air, sir." Jones: "Thank you. Yes." New Assistant: "Your moustache curled?" Jones: "Please." New Assistant: "May I give you a friction?" Jones: "Thank you." New Assistant: "Will you try some of our——" Manager (who has just sighted his man, in stage whisper): "You idiot? He's a subscriber!"

Perhaps the most amusing picture in the new gallery, namely, the fourth volume, is Raven Hill's "Evident." A heavily laden carrier's cart has stopped in order to allow an exceedingly stout elderly woman to climb in. The lady is endeavouring without success, to get through the narrow door in the rear of the vehicle; the driver is poking his head round the corner, his left hand holding the reins, his right the whip; in the background a little girl is watching with wide-open eyes Mrs. Jones, try sideways."

Carrier: "Try sideways, Mrs. Jones, try sideways."

Mrs. Jones: "Lar' bless 'ee, John, I ain't got no sideways!"

Though the jokes are, and must of necessity be, variations on a single theme, there is a noticeable difference between the ancient and modern methods of illustrating them. What the artists of an older day accomplished by means of many strokes and much detail is now obtained by a few strong "squar" lines; this is what most strikes the observer in passing from the earlier to the later work, from John Leech to Phill May, from Charles Keene to Dudley Hardy and Raven Hill. The verve of the later men is not greater than that of the older, but it is of a different order. If you except Keene there is a nimbleness in the fourth volume absent from the first, and Keene could nod at times. There is, for example, nothing in the new collection quite so laboured as his "Music in the Midlands" in the issue previously published, where "on intelligent youth of a country town" remarks, on seeing a bass viol case being carried into a concert hall, where the oratorio "Elijah" is to be rendered: "Ah say, Bill 'ull that be t' Elijah goin' copp'r' that big box?"

But what a tradition has been maintained, how much more sombre life would have been had "Punch never whone! Think of the innumerable smiles his presence has occasioned, the multitudinous laughter he has provoked, the clouds he has at least momentarily lined with silver the dull weight he has at least momentarily lessened, if not lifted. Welcome and irresistible as the sun, synonym for the "mirth which wrinkled care derides," "Punch," whom our grandfathers and grandmothers cherished, will be the delight and solace of the New Zealander who sketches the ruin of St. Paul's from a broken arch of London Bridge.

LORD CURZON AND THE CITY.

AN UNACCEPTABLE DEMAND.

MORE GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DEC. 18.

It is reported that Lord Curzon will only accept the offer to represent the City of London, provided the seat is not contested.

The other candidates are Mr. Gibbs who seeks re-election, Sir Edward Clarke who is already unanimously supported by the executive of the City Conservative Association, and the Liberal candidate, Mr. Shuster, the banker.

It is not believed that either Sir Edward Clarke or Mr. Shuster will withdraw.

Sir Edward Clarke refuses to withdraw from his candidature for the City of London.

Mr. George Lambert, member for South Molton, has been appointed Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

Mr. Kearley, member for Devonport, Secretary of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Runciman, member for Dewsbury, Secretary of the Local Government Board.

Mr. Lough, member for West Islington, Secretary of the Board of Education.

Lord-Edmond Fitzmaurice has been raised to the Peerage.

The statement made by the "Daily Chronicle" that Mr. Robert Spencer would be appointed Lord Chamberlain, is confirmed.

MR. BALFOUR AT LEEDS.

The Fiscal Controversy

LONDON, DEC. 19.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Leeds, said that the differences regarding the Fiscal question among the Unionists were greatly exaggerated.

Whether Protection was right or wrong his Retaliation policy did not prejudice it.

In his view Protection was alien to the Imperial idea which appealed to him the most.

With reference to Preference, he said that it was impossible to judge the burden it would impose till the whole scheme was developed and discussed by a Colonial Conference.

He, therefore, appealed to his Party for suspension of judgment thereon.

In conclusion, Mr. Balfour said that in any case, the Liberal projects have already been authoritatively announced including special Home Rule for Ireland which should be quite sufficient to rally the Unionists' ranks.

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The Radical papers criticize Mr. Balfour's ambiguous trimming at Leeds.

The Unionist press regards his speech as an able restatement of policy of retaliation with an open mind regarding preferential trade.

LADY CURZON AND THE QUEEN

LONDON DEC. 18.

Lady Curzon had a long conversation with Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

THE CURZON MEMORIAL FUND.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 18.

Lord Curzon memorial fund now amounts to Rs. 63,000. Amongst the recent contributions are one thousand rupees from the Nawab of Bahawalpur, five hundred from the Nawab of Dacca, two hundred from the Nawab of Jaora, and one thousand from the National Bank

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SERIOUS RIOTS AT SHANGHAI.

Warships Landing Men.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

Serious rioting has taken place at Shanghai in connection with the incident in the Mixed Court on 12th instant.

The German Consul has been stoned and the American Vice-Consul injured and several other foreigners hurt.

The warships are landing men and the Volunteers have been called out.

LATER.

The police and sailors aided by the Volunteers have suppressed the rioting at Shanghai.

The Police Station is partly burned and about twenty Chinese rowdies killed.

It is believed that no Europeans have been killed, but some have been injured.

The streets are now empty and there are armed patrols everywhere.

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Armed guards and patrols are being maintained at Shanghai as looting is feared.

The "Diadem" lands five hundred men to-day and the American warship Baltimore also disembarks a force.

It is reported that German troops are coming from Kiaochau.

The "Times" regards the decision of the Ministers at Peking in the Mixed Court case as scarcely politic and can hardly have failed to encourage Chinese aggressiveness.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOSPITAL.

The Physician in charge St: George's Hospital will gratefully receive any presents of fruit, cake, wine, game and toys, etc., for the use of the patients and children in St. George's Hospital during the Christmas season.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND KATHIAWAR APPEALS.

Existing Practice Upheld.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 18.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has dismissed the Kathiawar appeals and affirmed the existing practice of appeals to the Bombay Government and the Secretary of State.

[A similar point was decided a month ago in regard to Aden when the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council gave their reasons for advising His Majesty to dismiss an appeal by the Municipal Officer of Aden against an order of the High Court of Bombay, transferring to itself, for trial, a suit filed in the Court of the Resident at Aden by Haji Ismail Alana and others, in which they sought a declaration that they were the duly appointed managers of a pilgrims' rest-house at Aden, which had been validly dedicated to charity, and for the recovery of the site of the rest-house and the buildings on it. The Municipal Officer, who was the defendant in the suit, pleaded that he had resumed the site by order of the Resident, for breach of the covenants of the original grant of the property. The case was obviously one in which the order of transfer was justifiable, if only the High Court had jurisdiction to make it. Mr. Cohen, K. C., and Mr. Phillips were instructed by the India Office to appear for the appellant and contended that the order could not be made under clause 13 of the Amended Letters Patent of the High Court of the 28th December, 1865, inasmuch as the Resident's Court is not subject to the "superintendence" of the High Court within the meaning of the clause. Under the Indian High Courts' Act of 1861, a Court subject to the appellate jurisdiction of a High Court is subject also to its superintendence, and no "appeal," in the restricted sense in which the word is used in the Indian Code of Civil Procedure lies from the Resident's Court to the Bombay High Court. Under the Aden Act II of the 1864, however the Bombay High Court is a Court of Reference in respect of certain litigation in the Resident's Court and it can also make rules of practice for that Court. It was the object of the Act to make the Aden Court subject to the superintendence of the Bombay High Court for certain purposes, and it would appear also that, in the High Courts' Act, the expression appellate jurisdiction is used in a wide sense as including a jurisdiction to deal not only with appeals in the strict sense, but also with references and applications for revisions. Their Lordships, at all events, held that the Resident's Court in the subject to the appellate jurisdiction of the High Court within the intention of the High Courts' Act, and, after hearing the arguments for the appellant, did not call upon Mr. H.M. Birdwood, who was counsel for the respondents, to reply. The Judges of the High Court, whose decision was thus upheld were Sir Edward Candy and Mr. Justice Chandavarkar.]

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

JAPANESE FINANCE.

Thanks for British Confidence.

LONDON, DEC. 18.

Mr. Takahashi, the Japanese financial expert, on leaving for Tokio, was interviewed by Reuter's representative. He thanked the public for their confidence in Japanese securities which, he said, they would never have cause to regret, and announced the creation of a special redemption fund for which £14,600,000 will be assigned annually. While the Government was now retrenching, a policy of preparedness is necessary in order to make the alliance with Great Britain effective.

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY.

Vote of Confidence Followed by Resignation

The Italian Ministry has resigned.

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government, but rejected the commercial "modus vivendi" with Spain.

Signor Fortis will probably reconstruct the Ministry.

THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

Workmen's Manifesto.

The workmen's delegates were arrested at St Petersburg on account of a Manifesto they issued ordering the people to refuse to pay taxes and other dues and declaring that no debts contracted by the Government since the Senate is warring against the nation should be recognised.

Eight newspapers, for publishing the Manifesto, have been suppressed.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

A Deadlock.

A despatch from Tokio, says that the negotiations between China and Japan with reference to Manchuria are at a deadlock as China refuses all concessions.

[A "Times" telegram from the Tokio the other day, said that :—The negotiations between Chinese and Japanese plenipotentiaries in Peking with regard to Manchuria had resulted in an amicable settlement on the principal questions at issue.]

THE SWADESHI MOVEMENT.

Another Hooligan Case.

The "Times" in reviewing the improved conditions of the cotton trade generally says that Calcutta buyers have now entered the market and placed considerable contracts and this looks like the termination of the Bengal boycott.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 18.

Another Swadeshi case is reported here, the Magistrate of Alipore having to-day granted a warrant for the arrest of three students who roughly handled the head clerk of a local Court and held up the bridal party of his daughter, because the father refused to contribute to the so-called national fund.

APATHY IN LAHORE

LAHORE, DEC. 19.

The third public meeting in support of the "Swadeshi" movement has left no room for doubt that the agitation had fallen flat here. The previous two meetings were well attended. This time things turned out quite differently.

The first speaker regretted that the movement had made little or no headway in Lahore, and the citizens exhorted to revive their enthusiasm in the cause. Another speaker, who harangued in a mixture of Punjabi, Urdu and English, called upon his hearers to abjure the use of beet sugar, which, he said, was refined with animal blood.

At Dera Ismail Khan, the "Swadeshi" Stores Company has been started, the capital being fixed at Rs. 50,000 in shares of Rs.20. each.

A large number of shares have already been taken up.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

VISIT TO FATEHPUR-SIKRI.

AKBAR'S HISTORIC CAPITAL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

AGRA, DEC 16.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have to-day visited Fatehpur-Sikri, Akbar's deserted capital. It was founded upon the site of the village of Sikri where dwelt a holy man, named Salem Chisti. Akbar, desiring an heir, besought the prayers and advice of the Sheikh who urged him to remove with his Empress Mariam to Sikri. Here was born the son who became the Emperor Jehangir and here Akbar decided to establish his capital. A splendid city grew up, but after seventeen years the place was deserted. One story ascribes the desertion of the new capital to a bad water supply, and another more interesting legend asserts that Salem Chisti, finding the existence of a great city interfered with his meditations, said that either he or Akbar must go. Akbar went removing his Court to Agra, and Salem Chisti may have plumed himself upon having done more than Diogenes who merely invited Alexander to stand from between him and the sun. Salem Chisti has his monument at Fatehpur-Sikri in an enclosed courtyard on a hill top where a marble tomb, its canopy inlaid with mother-of-pearl, perpetuates his memory. The palaces of Akbar and his wives are also among the interesting remains of a once great city.

Their Royal Highnesses made the journey to Fatehpur-Sikri by a motor car, starting out about 10 o'clock and returning to the Circuit House about five. They depart to-night a little before midnight for Gwalior.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

AT RATNAGIRI.

VISITS THEEBOW, EX-KING OF BURMA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RATNAGIRI, DEC. 19.

The Dufferin with H. E. the Governor reached here this morning. His Excellency landed and drove through the main streets crossed by arches and crowded by large numbers of sightseers.

His Excellency exchanged visits with the ex-King Theebow of Burma.

The Governor then visited the schools, the hospital, the jail, the technical schools, the lunatic asylum, and the leper home.

Lord Lamington dined with the Collector and a reception is to be held after dinner before returning to the Dufferin.

LATER.

At the prize distribution at the High School institution the Governor congratulated the school staff and the boys upon the good results and high reputation of the school.

The Municipal and Local Board addresses were then received, in which the grievances of the people regarding water supply communication and a pier were placed before his Excellency. Suitable replies were made by the Governor without any distinct promises.

The arrangements for the reception held this evening were very satisfactory. The Governor and party left for the Dufferin at 10 p.m.

THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT ARRANGED

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DEC. 19.

At largely attended and representateve meeting of citizens of Madras, held yesterday evening, with the Prince of Arcot in the chair, it was unanimously resolved to give their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ampthill a farewell entertainment on the eve of their departure from Madras and a strong committee was formed to collect subscriptions at the meeting.

THE "CROWN AND ANCHOR" GAME.

THE CASE AGAINST DALAL BROTHERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 18

The case against the Dalal brothers, bookmakers, for playing the game of Crown and Anchor in the Point-to-Point races came before Rao Bahadur Malatkar, 1st Class Honorary Magistrate to-day. At the last hearing the case was adjourned for the purpose of examining Lieutenant-Colonel Hathaway at Bombay whose evidence was now taken recorded.

Lieutenant-Colonel Harold George Hathaway sworn on commission before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, on 1st December, said in reply to Mr. Ghaswala, Barrister for the accused:—I recollect the Point to Point races in September 1905. They were held a short, distance beyond the Yerrowda Jail. I was the Honorary Secretary of the Hunt Committee. No tickets were issued to the public for admittance. The Hunt Committee organised the races. Some races were closed to members of the hunt and others open to gentlemen riders. No guard was placed round the tents pitched there. The Dalal brothers offered Rs. 50 to be allowed as totalizators. The offer was accepted; they asked for a totalizator and games.

Cross-examined by Mr. Joshi, the Police Prosecutor, witness said:—I could not give even an approximate estimate of the number of people present. Roughly I think about 200 people were present. I did not ask the Dalal Brothers what games they were going to play when they asked for leave. I did not see what kind of games they were playing. the Hunt members were the people interested, and so it was not expected that the public generally would attend. There was an "At Home" given by the officers of R. A. M. C. Invitations were sent to messes and notices of it were given in the "Deccan Herald." Everybody could not have received hospitality at that "At Home." There was no means of preventing any person coming there.

Only one more witness had to be examined for the defence, and that was Mr. Abdulla Abdul Wahed of Messrs. Ludha Ebrahim & Co. But Mr. Abdulla was unable to appear in Court. Mr. Ghaswala, Barrister, who appeared for the defence, produced the Manager of the firm to prove that the field where the races were held was theprivate property of Messrs. Ludha Ebrahim & Co. Mr. Ghaswala hoped that Mr. Joshi; would not object to the evidence of the Manager being recorded.

Mr. Ghaswalla asked for an adjournment and for summons to issue against Mr. Abdulla Abdul Wahed and pointed out that the Court was already in possession of two documents from Colonel Hathaway which licensed the Dalals to play the "Crown and Anchor" game at the races.

Mr. Joshi said he had seen one paper and did not know what the other was. Mr. Ghaswala replied the other was the more important of the two; it was handed to the Court at the time the Dalals were called upon to plead. The Magistrate produced a document and handed it to Mr. Joshi. It was written in pencil and ran as follows:—"I have given permission to Dalal to run his totalizator and "Crown and Anchor" game at the Point-to-Point races; he has paid Rs. 50 to the Hunt fund on this account. Signed H.—G. Hathaway, Honorary Secretary."

The case was adjourned till Monday, the 15th January.

ADDRESSES TO THE VICEROY.

"A HUNDRED YEARS AGO."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 19.

The Viceroy, yesterday afternoon, received three addresses at Government House. That of the Trades Association was read by Mr. Grice, Master.

Lord Minto in reply said:—"Gentlemen, it is a great pleasure to me to receive an address from so influential a body as the Calcutta Trades Association. I am glad to hear from you that the services of the first Earl of Minto have not been forgotten by the citizens of this great city. It is only lately that my notice has been drawn to an address presented to him, by the merchants of Calcutta, congratulating him on the capture of Mauritius, the possession of that island by France having long constituted a dangerous menace to our British Indian trade. It is curious that nearly 100 years later I should be receiving a deputation from an Association so deeply interested in the trade of to-day, and whose members can justly look back with pride on the magnificent development that has been brought about by British energy since my ancestor received the thanks of the merchants of Calcutta. I am well aware to what a great extent the strength and prosperity of any country depends upon commercial influences, and I hope that the rapidly growing over-sea trade of India may be accompanied with a like development of its local industries and its many splendid resources. I share with you also in your apprehension of the evils of over-insurance and yet I am afraid that as long as human passions and ambitions play a part in the policy of the nations of the world the premiums to be paid will depend upon the value of the stock to be insured. I shall watch with interest the scheme under consideration for the improvement of Calcutta as to which I shall always be ready to give my heartiest support. I thank you sincerely on behalf of Lady Minto and myself for the cordial words of your address, and we look forward with pleasure to the time, we hope to spend in India where our reception has been marked with so many expressions of welcome."

In the course of his reply to the Address from the Anglo-Indian Association the Viceroy said:—

"In this country where I know that the great majority of the British community come to devote the best years of their life to the service of His Majesty and for the general welfare of the people of India, but who, with few exceptions, look forward to returning to spend their remaining days in the motherland from which they sprang, it is of all the more interest to me to meet those who, like, you have made India your permanent home. I hope that the fact of your having done so to the unmistakeable tokens of loyalty and attachment, as evinced by the triumphant progress of the Prince and Princess of Wales, of the people of India to the throne. I hope that as the years go by it may be possible for me to gain an insight into the feelings and sentiments of the people of India, and I shall look for no greater reward than to feel that during my sojourn amongst you her resources have continued to develop, and that she is secure in the promise of ever increasing prosperity. I hope you may be of much use in giving an insight into the many wants of the people of this country and shall always be ready at any time to listen with interest to statements which you may think right to put before me on behalf of the community you represent.

The Address of the British-Indian Association was read by the Maharaja of Durbhanga.

LORD AND LADY MINTO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 19.

H. E. Lord Minto accorded an interview to Messrs Sorendranath Bannerjee and Mr. A. Chowdhuri this afternoon.

Lady Minto attends the Nurses' ball here to-morrow night.

THE DROUGHT IN THE PUNJAB.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, DEC. 19.

It has been intensely cold the last few days. It was cloudy yesterday, and at about three this morning, it blew a regular gale, followed by rains Snow has now commenced falling heavily with each succeeding squall.

(FROM OUR CORRSPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 19.

Snow has set in upon the hills of the North-West Frontier. The Chitral mails were prevented by heavy drifts from crossing the Jowarai Pass last week.

SANITATION AND HEALTH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I should like to share the view of your impressionable Contemporary that the diminution of Plague in Bombay was due in any degree, even in the least, to the clean state of the City or to any measures of sanitation. The reason for my attitude of scepticism is that the diminution of Plague is general all over India and not only in the city in which we live, but in every village and city near, there is a similar reduction. It will not be contended by even the most credulous of enthusiasts that every village and every city in all India is clean or has been thoroughly cleaned since Plague appeared in 1896 and even in the suburbs of Bombay abominable state of uncleanliness may be seen. Even if Plague were raging, say in the Bombay Presidency and absent in Bombay City, we could believe then that the freedom of Bombay was due to some special cause, but as it is in Bombay so it is all over India—a cessation in the violence of Plague due probably to a cause that was pointed out in the Municipal returns as far back as 1897. But we have other reasons, less important no doubt, for questioning the reduction of Plague being connected with sanitation. A traveller entering the train at Dadar and as far as Mahaluxmi would doubt whether Bombay was a clean City. Between Dadar and the next station he would travel through noisome marsh of sewage and he would see foul drains discharging foul contents between large buildings and around dwellings. Between Parel and Mahaluxmi he would pass a marsh and pools of sewage and see close to the Railway Station heaps of Kutchra being fermented to be manufactured. In no part of India would more abominable nuisances be found. On the other line the visible nuisances are equally indicative of foul houses and gullies. If a member of the Corporation will take a tramcar he will see clean thoroughfares in the large streets, but foul gullies everywhere. Even outside a building close to the Municipal Office devoted to Hygeia he will see a filthy nuisance almost in the foot path, of the most important street in the Fort we need not go into details, but in the city there are serious nuisances in every direction, in the most dangerous positions I believe that far too much time is given to street sanitation and too little to the cleaning of gullies and houses. An increase of nuisances must be expected if the population has increased as is strongly believed by the Corporation to 100,000, I do not think any organization, however good can prevent the people from villages and fields fouling the neighborhood of their dwellings.—Yours etc.

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SIR SASSOON J. DAVID KT.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given last evening at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel to Sir Sassoon J. David in connection with the Knighthood conferred upon him recently by H. R. the Prince of Wales. Excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the guests had been made under the supervision of a Committee of which Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart. was the chairman, who had found a zealous working Honorary Secretary, in Mr. J. A. D. McBain. The guests began to arrive from 9 p.m., and were welcomed by members of the Reception Committee, Sir Sassoon J. David, who was accompanied by Lady David, arrived about 9-45 p.m and was cordially greeted by Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy. Mr. J. A. Wadia, Miss Wadia, Mr J. A. D. McBain, Mrs. Dwarkadas Dharamsey and others, and was escorted to the large reception hall. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity by representatives of all classes of the community, for whose amusement the Band of the Yorkshire Regiment and the Taj Mahal orchestra played a selection of music at intervals. A photo of the scene was taken, and the volumes of smoke which resulted the peculiar process forced many of the visitors out of the hall. Among those present were a large number of European and Parsee ladies.

Among those who had accepted invitations were:—Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy Bart, Sir Dinshaw and Lady Petit, Mr and Mrs and the Misses Rustomji Byramji Jeejeebhoy, Mr R J Jeejeebhoy, Mr J N Ghamadia, Mr C M Curseji, Mr Byramji N Seervai, Mr and Mrs Jehangir B Petit, Mr Phirozshaw B Petit, Mr Jeevanji Jamsetji Mody, Mr and Mrs F Sorabji Talyarkhan, Mr and Mrs Rustom S Pawvalla, Mr and Mrs K S Pawvalla, Mr and Mrs Rustom Pestonji Jehangir Dr M B Colah, Dr Tamulji B Nariman, Mr and Mrs Phiroz H Dastoor, Mr and Mrs and Miss Cawasji M Sett, Mr L N Banaji, Mr and Mrs Moos, Mr Dinshaw B Master, Dr and Mrs Sorab K Nariman, Mr K B Byramji Dadabhoy Dr K E Dadachanji, Mr and Mrs and Miss M N Wadia, Mr Dady N Dady, Mr H C Cooriawalla, Mr J Baptista, Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Kt, Sir J Cawasji Jehangir Kt, Sir Harkisondas Narottamdas Kt, the Hon Mr D R Chichgar, K B Muncherji C Murzban C I E, S B Bhroacha, Mr Nowroji P Vakil, Mrs and the Misses, Mr Jamsetji Ardaseer Wadia, the Hon Mr Ebrahim Rahimtoolla, Mr Adamji Peerbhoy, Mr Currimbhoy Adamjee Peerbhoy, Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy Esq, Mr Hosrji Khatsey, Mr Fazalbhoy Chinoy, Mr Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy, Mr Rahimtoola M Chinoy, Mr Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Kt, Mr Gordhandas Goculdas Tejpal, Mr Gordhandas Khattau, Mr Shivlal Motilal, Mr Bansilal Amirchand, the Hon Mr V D Thakersey Mr Naranji Dwarkadas Mr Dwarkadas Dharamsey, Mr Tribhovandas Varjivandas, Mr Tarachand Gunsamdas, Mr Ganeshlal Sobhagmal, Mr S M Moses, Mr W E Crum, Mr J A D McBain, Mr. T W. Cuffe, General and Mrs. Greenfield, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Aston, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Sir Percy Bates, Bart. Mr. James MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrers Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. Wenden, Mr. F. C. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sheppard. Major and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. P. R. Caddell, Lieut.-Col. J. P. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Kemp, Mr. R. M. Phillips, Mr. James Begbie, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs Crimmin Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Fee, Rev. H. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Dr. and Mrs. Turner, Commander Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. McBain, Mr Frank McBain, Major Hoskyn, Mr. and Mrs. Dracup, Mr. and Mrs. Quin, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. B. Bowen, Mr O. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Cuffe, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Edwardes Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Worgan, Mr. and Mrs. Tod, Mr. A. Broad, Mr. Colin Ross, Major and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. George Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Reddie, Dr. and Mrs. Childe, Mr. and Mrs. Begg, Mr. Marshall Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Vlasto, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. McLeod, Mrs. and Mr. C. L. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Lowndes, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall, Mr. C. C. James, Captain and Mrs. Elderton, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley, Mr and Miss J Brown, Mr and Mrs Hopewell, Rev A Martin, Rev F Brookman, Rev H Boese, S J, Mr Warmsley, Mr D F F Lancan Penno, Mr Alsizio L Coisco, Mr and Mrs French, Mr J P D Quadros, Mr and Mrs A G Viegas, Mr and Mrs J B C Da Costa, Mr P Lisboa, Mr David Sassoon, Mrs and the Misses Sassoon, Mr David Ezra, Mr and Mrs James Nissim, Mr and Mrs and Miss Nathan, Mr and Mrs J David, Mr and Mrs L. Benjamin, Mr and Mrs R M Nissim, Mr and the Misses N S Nissim, Mr and Mrs A E J Abraham, Mr and Mrs Shellim, Mr Henry Solomon, Mr A S Abraham, Mr and Mrs A Ezra, Mr Mrs and Miss J E Ezra, Mr and Mrs D S Shellim, Mr Amirudin Tyebji, Mr Cassumalli Jerajbhoy Peerbhoy, Mr Jaffer Rahimtoola, Mr Goolambusen Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Cazi Cabiruddin, Mr Mirza Abbasali Baig, Mr Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy Mr Alli Akbarkhan, Mr Fazulbhoy, M Chinoy, Aga Shah Rookhshah, Mr Mahomedbhoy Datoobhoy Ibrahim, K Shaeb Kazi Mahomedalli Murghay, Mr Hajee Ismail Goolmahomed, Mr Salehahomed Dharamsey, Mr Mirza Mahomed Sirazi, Mr Abdoolabhoy Lulji, Rao Saheb Allapa Ballaram, Mr Tribhovandas Manguldas Nathubhoy, Mr Cursondas Chabildas, Mr Mahadhowji Damoder Thakersey, Mr N V Mandlik the Hon Mr Goculdas Khandas Parukh, Mr Shivji Dharmajee, Mr Jughmohandas Varjeevandas, Mr Damodar Lakhmidas Khimji, Mr Anandji Nanji, Mr Moolraj Khatau, Mr Damodar Gordhandas Sukhdvalla Mr Jugmohandas Manguldas Nathoobhoy, Mr Purshotamdas Manguldas Nathoobhoy, Mr. Lukhmidas Bhimji, Mr Bhagvandas Mooljl, Mr Madhowdas Goculdas L Pasta, Mr and the Misses Jamsetji Curseji Jamsetji, Mr R D Sethna, Mr and Mrs R J Tata, Mr and Mrs Dadiba Merwanji Dalal, Mr Ahmed Currimbhoy Ebrahim

Some time was agreeably spent in conversation and in the interchange of social amenities. Later on an adjournment was made to the refreshment tables

Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, in proposing the toast of the guest of the evening said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have a very pleasing duty to perform and that is to propose the health of the distinguished guest of the evening, Sir Sassoon David, and to offer him on behalf of myself and of this large and representative gathering our hearty congratulations on the well-merited honour of Knighthood recently conferred on him at the hands of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, and also to express our cordial appreciation of the high honour done to one of Bombay's leading citizens and one of its most popular merchant-princes. (Cheers.) I think I need not inflict upon you a long speech in dilating upon his commercial and industrial activities which you know very well. You are also already very familiar with his work as Chairman of such a distinguished body as the Bombay Millowners' Association. As regards his civic virtues which were recently recognised in his being appointed to the Shrievalty, I need not say much. An eminent, Indian gentleman, during his recent visit to England, in one of his eloquent speeches delivered before a critical and lance like the Manchester Chamber of Commerce said that there was but one chief cure for the admitted poverty of India. He said, that our only salvation lay in industrial development of India. Who is there, may I ask who is doing more in that direction silently but surely than our gallant Knight (Applause) India would be richer and all the better if we had a few more earnest workers like Sir Sassoon David. Let us all then drink to his health, prosperity and long life, and to me couple also with his name that of Lady David who has graced this occasion by her genial presence tonight. (Applause.)

Sir Sassoon J. David, in his reply said:—

Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy and Ladies and Gentlemen, I think you Sir, for the kind and friendly manner in which you have proposed the health of Lady David and myself, and you, Ladies and Gentlemen for the cordial manner in which you have received the toast. My friend Sir Jamsetjee has been prompted, I am sure, by his personal goodwill towards me to have said so many kind things of me in his speech. If I am in any way deserving of his praises I must admit I owe that, to the kindly encouragement and support, I have always received at the hands of my friends and well wishers. (Hear, hear). Be assured, however, that the generous encouragement you are now giving me, will inspire me, during the time to come, to aim at a higher degree of usefulness to my fellow citizens than I have ever attained throughout my prolonged stay in this large and important city. (Applause). Lady David joins me, in expressing to you all our deep indebtedness for your congratulations, and good wishes, and your kindness in coming here this evening and we acknowledge this token of your esteem as a compliment which we highly appreciate. (Applause.)

Cheers were given for Sir Sassoon and Lady David as they left the hotel; and the proceedings terminated soon afterwards.

MEETING OF NATIVE JEWELLERS.

Last evening Sir Sassoon J. David was also honoured in another place. A meeting, of native jewellers was held in the shop of Zaveri Bhaichund Kasturchand near Khara Kuva outside the Fort, when it was resolved to congratulate Sir Sassoon David on the title recently conferred upon him by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.

PLAGUE IN THE PUNJAB.

STRONG SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DEC. 19

Sanction has been given to the proposal of a plague-preventive by the authorities in the Punjab for the destruction of houses in which plague recrudesces annually, subject to the consent of the and the payment of compensation to owners.

ART, MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Burne-Jones's Flowers.

WHAT WOULD WHISTLER SAY?

"G. B. S." AT THE COURT.

LONDON, DEC. 1.

Burne-Jones painted in a dead language, as Walter Pater wrote English like a dead tongue: and, such as the sorry business is, they both did their business well. Into the dead symbols of dead peoples Burne-Jones tried to breathe life; it is a hopeless game, for it is nothing more than a game indeed, it is worse than that, it means the shirking of the live symbols of one's own day. But it is to his creidit that in his Book of Flowers he has tried to call back into England the delightful old English names for the flowers that the hateful modern gardener has tried to bury under bloated latinities. And if Burne-Jones's book, most exquisitely published, and now exhibited, by the Fine Art Society does something to make us think of flowers in their sweet old christening robes, he will have done a service far above all that his painting has ever done. Henceforth we shall no longer gather ranunculi, and the like in the meadows, but get back to the sweet buttercups and daises the Key of Spring will once more open the Golden Gate, and show us the Ladder-of-Heaven with Love-in-a-Mist and Wind-Flowers and Morning-Glories, and Black-Archanged, midst the White-Garden; and the decayed latinities will be left to manure the ground, or abide in foolish books of botany. Yet even Burne-Jones, making of each flower's name a little circular picture of legend, whilst he makes this supreme effort to restore the sweet old name to his flowers, stultifies himself by dragging the dead old alien immigrant classics into his pictures—which is to ranunculise the buttercup is still more pestiferous form. The colour-printing of this fine fifteen-guinea book is marvellously true to the chalky dry paint of the artist's, the blues and the glowing golds are particularly happy. Still, how Burne-Jones missed the emotion that is in colour! His Venuses have none of the allure of women his colours have nothing of emotional glow. In Love-in-a-Mist neither the figure nor the blue utters the love-note there is no passion anywhere. Whether in Rose-of-Heaven or Grave-of-the-Sea, perhaps his two best designs, we have the intellectual; effort, but of the emotional statement of colour that is all in art, we have scarce a sign.

In these same galleries is an interesting show of the jewel work by Gaillard in which the application of gems and precious metals and horn to the decorative statement of flowers and plants is very charming. The comb and hatpin of Honesty, expressed in horn and pearls and mother-of pearl are particularly beautiful. Whilst one thinks of it, surely the trustees of Whistler's estate must see a fierce little ghost arise and walk—nay, they ought to suffer owing from his bitterness. Fancy the master standing opposite the print shop—and mind you, the best print shops—and gazing upon those horrible colour prints of his Carlyle with the pink face and of the Mother! Had they been in back-and-white all would be well. But the colouring is piteously false and hideous. And to add to the lack of taste, poor Whistler hatred of white margins is trodden under foot, and the abominations are made still worse by that detestable and disfiguring, dealer's margin that is so precious to the auctioneers. If you shall stand in the twilight very, very still, you may hear the masters, shriek come down Vigo-street and other places in harsh wail. It is enough to make an artist fear to die. At the Menzoda Gallery Mr. Holder shows five large canvases of the mighty Victoria Falls on the Zambesi that be little Niagara; and whilst he has made no effort to get the impression of these huge tumbling water in terms of poetry he has certainly caught the sense of their vastness and immensity.

There is a feeling amongst very serious people, that comedy is almost an inferior thing as against tragedy; and it must be confessed that there is much in art to confirm this falsity—chiefly for the reason that the humourist, more often then not, relies on a written legend beneath the picture to complete the humour of that picture, and it is an obvious fact that the picture must be self-contained to be complete. Mr. Lawson Wood thus too often offends, and by his offending becomes popular. But as a matter of fact, much of his work is quite self-contained, and like good wine needs no bush. He shows at the Dore Gallery a number of water colour drawings that are in right artistry, and it needs no literary tag to explain the tourist whose way is being barred by a stalwart black eunuch who stands across the doorway with drawn sword to baulk Mr. Cook's sightseer in his desire "to see the Harem." His arrangements and colour often enhance his humour with a sense of almost whimsical dignity as in the "Brazilian Revolution" and "Ship wrecked." Admirers of one of our greatest living painters of to-day will be envious of Leeds, for which city has been purchased Brangwyn's four Labour panels.

Several interesting presentations and additions have been made recently to the Tate Gallery, and are now enriching the walls of the National Gallery of British Art at Millbank. Mr. Robert Brough, the artist who was killed in the accident to the Scotch express last year, bequeathed to the nation his picture "Fantasie and Folly," and this bequest, representing a woman seated at a table toying with a Chinese idol, was received simultaneously with a presentation from Mr. Carter of "The Last Ray," by Mr Hugh Cater, the title being suggested by the subject of an old woman sewing by the fading light. In the hall of sculpture there is a case containing a bronze plaster relief of Charles S. Keene with the inscription, "Born Aug. 10 1828; died January 4, 1891." Tow figures weeping surmount the relief, one with the jester's staff, representing Humour and the other, with an open scroll, Art This relief has just been presented by Mrs. Edwin Edwards, whose practical interest in the Gallery is shown not for the first time.

Three of this year's Chantrey pictures, which have been hung some little time, are found in Mr. F. W. Cowper's St. Agnes in Prison; Mr. E. Alexanders, Peacock and Python, and Mr. Harold Speed's The Alcantara Bridge. These others are still at provincial galleries, and will probably not be received untill after the spring exhibitions next year. Mr. Edgar Bundy's The Morning of Sedgemoor is now at the Liverpool Art Gallery, and will be shown at Glasgow before it reaches Millbank. Mr. J. Aumonier's The Black Mountains has been lent to the Municipal Art Gallery at Wolverhampton, and Mr. C. W. Furse's The Return from the Ride is in the gallery of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists and goes thence to the City Art Gallery at Ladd. before coming to the Tate. It often happens that a portion of the Chantrey bequest is exhibited in the provinces before finding a permanent home in London. Only within a comparatively recent date have two of last years Chantrey pictures, Mr. Napier Henry's London River and Mr. Arthur Wardle's Fate the leopard and the guinea-fowl—been hung in the Tate Gallery.

The programme of the second of these concerts at the Bechstein Hall, was in every way a great success. Miss Ireni Penso opened the concert with two violin solos, one a Field, the other a Hungarian Dance by Brahms, for the violin setting of which Joachim is responsible. Later on she played a violin setting of Pergolesi's famous "The Giorsi" and Schubert's L'Abbille. Miss Penso has more than justified the words of praise which were lavished on her when she gave her first public concert some time ago. Her playing throughout was distinguished both by breadth and nobility of feeling, and also by a lightness of touch, perfect intonation, and a musicianly feeling which were irresistible. Miss Aretowska sang songs by various composers very attractively, and once more reminded us of the real charm of Moll's ballad writing by her artistic rendering of The Dustman. Miss Sylvia Blackstone scarcely did complete justice to three very charming and originally conceived songs by Mr. Landon

Ronald, Tis june, As a Dream, A Southern Son. We say originally conceived because Mr. Ronald has now developed a most presonal style of his own, so that one can say of him that his music could by no means be mistaken for that of the ordinary writer of songs. The last of these three. A Southern Song, is distinguished by singular warmth of feeling, and its melodic charm is very great. The Westminster Glee Singers were extremely good, particularly in a delightfully humorous and fantastic song entitled Quibble's Cocoa by Harper. A large number of other artists contributed to a concert which was in every way successful.

Mr. Bernard Shaw clearly intended his Major Barbara, produced before an audience which contained the Prime Minister, Sir. Oliver Lodge, and other men of light and may we still add ? leading, as an eye-opener. And we are by no means sure that it will not open the eyes of some of Mr. Shaw's blindest worshippers. As Mr. Shaw calls the piece a discussion and not any known form of play its merits or demerits as drama are not in issue. As a discussion, its merits are obvious. Mr. Shaw has a knack of taking startling views of things and of expressing these views with an incisiveness and point that almost take your breath away. In this play we do not think that he is quite so prodigal of brilliant lines as usual, and in many cases his ideas have been met with coldbed just as well though the cut was not quite the same. Still, there is wit enough to make the fortune of half-a-dozen ordinary plays. The question is whether there is wit enough to save a three hours' discussion in the theatre. We doubt it. Mr. Shaw is in the happy position of having made his public, which means that there is a large number of persons who will laugh at anything he invites them to laugh at. The Court was crowded with such persons yesterday, and the first act went with a roar. Not we think, because it was at all up to Mr. Shaw's best form, but simply because they had come prepared to laugh on credit. Afterwards the laughter was by no means continuous, and some time before the end of the three hours and a quarter for which the discussion lasted the audience gave the impression of being jaded and perhaps a trifle offended.

A LAND ACQUISITION CASE.

LAND NEAR THE JAMSETJEE HOSPITAL.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, at the High Court, yesterday, delivered judgement on the reference made by the Collector of Bombay, who had acquired, under the Bombay Land Acquisition Act, certain lands with buildings standing on it, in the vicinity of the Sir Jamshedji Jijibhoy Hospital; the owners of the properties being Mr. Rustomji Byramji Jijibhoy, and another. The reference was made for the determination of the amount of compensation. This land and otherlandwas required for an extension of the hospital in question theCollector had, by an award, dated, 24th February, 1902, adjudged for payment Rs 3,09,236, as compensation to the different claimants as follows :—To Mr. Rustomji, Rs. 2,75,595; Official Assignee, on behalf of the insolvent Borah Nurbhoy Gazikhan, Rs. 14. 329; Edalji F. Motivala, Rs, 9,4 52; and Sorabji C. Slodia, Rs. 9,889. On 1st March 1904, the Collector gave notice of his award to the claimants in question The Official Assignee and Mr. Motivala accepted the award; the remaining two. Mr. Slodia and Mr. Rustomji, asked for a reference to the High Court, which was made by the Collector accordingly on 18th March 1905.

His lordship in the course of his elaborate, said that Mr. Kirkpatrick, counsel for Government and Mr. Strangman, counsel for claimants, were agreed that there was no dispute between them as to the system of valuation adopted by the Collectors valuation was challenged by the two claimants only as to some portions of the land under acquisition the challenge as to each portion was confined to some of the points decided with reference to it by the Collector. The whole land was divided into plots, some of which had buildings standing on them; others were used as timber-depots, and the rest were vacant. The area of the land was 3,869 square yards. Each plot was valued by the Collector, having regard to its use situation, and so forth; he found the market value of the whole land to be Rs. 2 93 377 viz., Rs. 19-0-0 per square yard. To that he had added, as directed by the Act fifteen per cent for compulsory acquisition, which brought the total valuation to Rs. 3,09,236, or Rs. 22-4 per square yard. Exhibit D, showed that the whole of the land under acquisition 13,869 square yards in area was purchased in 1879 by the late Mr. Byramji Jijibhoy, with other land making up a total area of 14,094 square yards for Rs. 20,174, namely, at the rate of Rs. 1-2 4 per square yard. In 1892, Mr Byramji sold to Slodia a plot, with the house on it, for Rs. 9 300 a reserved rent of Rs. 54 a year was levied on the new proprietor. This rent, at 33 years' purchase, would come to Rs. 1,350 in value. So the total value of the Slodia property in 1892 amounted to Rs. 10,650. To find the value of the plot, Rs. 8,242, which was the cost of the house must be deducted; that gave Rs. 2,408 for 193 square yards, or Rs. 12-8 per square yard in 1892. This plot was known as No. 10. His Lordship then went into the history of each plot, and dealt with their valuations them by item, going into a series of complicated calculations in order to arrive at a correct conclusion. Before recording his final decision on the issues, his lordship referred to a point suggested for the first time by the Government expert, Mr. Chambers. He had stated that the land under acquisition was looked upon with suspicion by engineers because of the difficulty of building thereon, in consequence of quarry-holes; the Government Engineer was at the present moment finding great difficulty with the foundations he had laid. In cross-examination Mr. Chambers had admitted that he had no personalknowledge of these quary holes, he spoke merely from what had drifted to him in the course of his business. He relied on Laughton's plan, but he admitted the plan showed some ground-floor buildings, which, however, did not show the great part of the ground covered with buildings. He believed the greater portion of the ground was not shown on the plan as covered with quarries. Under these circumstances, said Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, he could not allow himself to be influenced by the single suspicion of the land being full of quarry-holes. None of the Government Engineers had been called to confirm the suspicion, the Collector himself had made no reference to it in his award. Moreover, none of the claimants witnesses was cross examined as to the point.

His Lordship then laid down his decision with regard to the issues i—The correct rental of houses on plots 10 and 11 were put down at Rs. 70 per month in each case Rs. 140 in all. Three per cent were allowed for vacancies, one-half per cent for repairs. The correct number of years' purchase in respect of the rent of the houses was twenty years. The proper value of each house was accordingly Rs 12 513. The life to be assigned to the stable was sixty years. In respect of the rent of the stables the correct number of years purchase was allowed to be 11 1-9 years, the value of the stables was fixed at Rs. 31, 355. Plots 32 4 should be valued according to the rents realised by the claimants as held by the Collector. The area of plot 5, valued by the Collector, and of plot 5, should be valued not on the same basis as plots 324 but they should be valued as the Collector had done. Plot 7 should not be valued at all, Twenty-eight years' purchase was not the correct number of years purchase in respect of the rents os plots 3 4 and 10 and the hypothetical rents of plots 5 and 7. the Collector had taken the figure correctly at 25 years, The value of plots 2. 3, 4, 5, respectively should be computed according to the principles enunciated in this judgment. The claimants were entitled to compensation. They were entitled to raise all the issues already decided upon.

The claimants having obtained an increase upon the collector's award they must have their cost of this reference, their claim was not extravagant, nor had they been negligent to justify the Courts exercising its discretion against them. There should be one set of costs.

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CHRISTMASTIDE IN THE SHOPS.

DIFFICULT as it is for English folk to realise that it is Yuletide, the interiors of many of the shops in the Fort have a festive appearance, and crackers and bon-bons do something to bring home to the shopper that if the charm of Christmas is lost in India, it is being eagerly looked forward to by young and old at Home. Christmas in India is, of course, a mockery. Only in the churches—especially in the Roman Catholic churches—does that feeling of peace and good will to all men which we associate with Christmas come upon us with the force of Home. Christmas is the time of carols, of holly and mistletoe, of Christmas numbers and endless congratulations, of top-coats and snowballs, when old tales are retold; when friends long missed are welcomed before the blazing Yule-log when the air is moist with the steam of the wassail and the Spirit of Goodwill is abroad over the land. "Christmas" in India is therefore a sham. You can't have the elements of Christmas under a blazing sun and a bright blue-sky. But absence makes the heart grow warmer to friends and relatives at Home and hence the Christmas shows in the shops of Bombay have been a great attraction to the Anglo-Indian population of the City during the past few days. No end of pipes and cigar and cigarette holders have gone home from sons and brothers by the recent mails.

Messrs. Vafiadis have had a specially large display of goods of this description for view lately, the best London and Continental houses having supplied them with some very neatly finished Christmas and New Year presents. Cigar and cigarette holders in Fine Lemon-Coloured Real Amber, plain and with Gold Rims, in sterling silver tubes, Real Amber Mecca Quill Cigarettes and cigar holders with gold rims, Meerschaum cigar and cigarette holders with Gold and silver rims—Silver Enamelled Figure cigarettes cases—Silver, RolledGold and Aluminium cigarette and cigar cases, plain and engraved—are to be found there Other useful presents are: Cut Glass ash bowls with turnoverSilver ash Tray a new invention) Silver Match Boexs for Vestas and Swedish Matches. Silver ash Trays with figures, Silver, Ivory and Mother-o-pearl cigar cutters, smokers cabinets in oak with nickel mounts, Real Havanahs by Henry Clay, Ramone Allones and various brands of Continental Havanahs in gold and silver foil and choice brands of Indian Cigars—

Messrs. Marcks and Co.—That a long purse is necessary to meet the purchasing value of goods in a large jewellery establishment is an erroneous impression. It is possible to obtain a pretty and attractive article of a smaller value in our largest establishment of its kind as cheaply, if not cheaper, than it can be obtained in a shop of smaller pretensions with the additional advantages of a guarantee and a larger selection for approval. Messrs Marks & Co, Ld. do not, as is sometimes supposed, confine themselves to elaborate and extravagant jewels. This firm can supply an article of the value of one rupee as easily as it can another of considerably larger value. The demand for novelties never ceases, and it is as great and as keen in the jewellery and fancy goods branch of the trade, as it is in the modelling of gowns and hats. It must therefore be a matter of great difficulty for jewellers to introduce novelties season after season. Messrs. Marcks and Co., Ltd. have, however, been able to forecast what would be likely to take the fancy of their customers this season and the company went about collecting its Christmas stock in no hand-to-mouth fashion. The long range of exquisite designs this firm is able to offer in Ladies and Gentlemen's jewellery and watches, and in silver ware, electroplated ware and fancy goods is unrivalled in this city and is an indication that they have not been afraid to stock nor puzzled at what to stock. It does happen that every season there springs up in some mysterious way, a demand for a special line of goods, but we should imagine that the collection of goods held by this firm could meet almost any demand. Messrs Marcks and Co. make a special feature of pianos, organs and piano-players, in connection with which they have a library of music rolls. The Company prides itself on its policy of offering nothing but the best pianos, pianos that have been tested and tried in the climate of India, and pianos combining all the indispensable qualities necessary to make perfect and artistic rendering of music possible.

Messrs. Hoe and Co's. Colonial Diaries for 1906 are publications that will be useful in every office and house. Published by Messrs. V. Perumall Chetty and Sons at Madras. The No. 3 Colonial which has been forwarded to us combines all that one requires in the way of a diary with other features that make it something of a Post Office Directory and Whitaker combined and this is but one of the useful series of a dozen published by the firm in various shapes and sizes and at various prices.

Messrs J. Oakes and Co. Church Gate Street, who started business about eight months ago as Texidermists and Leather Goods Manufacturers have already through their energy and zea secured considerable popular favour in consequence of the excellence of their goods and workmanship. Their Taxidermy department is replete and up to date and already this young firm is classed amongst the leading Taxidermists in India.

The members of the firm are always attentive, polite, and obliging and people requiring Boots, Shoes, Trunks, Suit cases, Gladstone Hand Bags Collar boxes, Beds, raps, Soiled Linen Bags, Holdalls, Gaiters, Luggage label-, Harness, or anything in the Leather line will do well to call on this enterprising firm in Church Gate Street.

Thanawalla & Co.—There is one branch of industry which has of late shown quite remarkable development in Bombay and that is the business in motor-cars. Mr. Thanawalla has been twice to America, France, Germany and England in order to secure the latest things in cars. He returned in October last and has secured the following agencies of the celebrated motor cars. Mors, Rambler, Swift, Winton, Veeno, and Prosper Lambert, which Messrs. Thanawalla now have in stock. In addition to the above motor cars they also stock genuine De Dion cars and La Gordon cars. They also stock all the accessories for motor cars, such as lamps, horns, auto-tremblers, batteries sparking plugs, coils, cylinder oil, grease, and a thousand other sundry articles and they are, as well, petrol merchants wholesale and retail.

The "Palace of Confectionery" as Messrs. Mongini Bros. establishment has been ed, called fully deserves its named if one is to judge by the splendid stock of seasonable things exhibited there this Yule tide. A visit of inspection is will worth one's while, for there is something to please the most fastidious taste in dainty Christmas presents.

Cakes, sweets chocolates, crystallised fruit in boxes and bottles, crackers (filled with chocolate) and a host of things from almost every country in Europe can be seen, with the prices plainly marked on each article. Their Christmas boxes of Cake and confectionery, which they were the first to introduce in India, and which saves people such trouble, (for all they have to do is to send a money order for the amount of the box selected and the same is forwarded prepaid to the nearest station) has met with so much success that they have been enabled to offer an unparallelled assortment of the most delicious things at rates within the means of all pockets. The Restaurant which has this year been added to Messrs Mongini Bros. confectionery is another proof of the success which has attended their efforts to cater for the public of Bombay, who will, no doubt, well patronize Messrs. Mongini's Christmas show.

Some useful Christmas presents can be got in leather. For instance at Messrs Sutor's in Church Gate Street are to be seen leather and leather articles of almost every description, including Boots Shoes, and slippers for Ladies, Gentlemen and children. The firm boast that they have upwards of 3,000 pairs of Boots and Shoes of all kinds in full view and certainly one is hard to please if one cannot get what they require amid such a varied stock. Their prices too are remarkably reasonable. Besides Foot wear the Western India Army Boot and Equipment. Factory for whom Sutor and Co., are Agents contribute a variety of tasteful things in Bags Trunks and other travelling requisites, as also Harness, Saddlery, Machine beltings and laces, ginning rollers workers. Here again the prices strike one as being absudly low considering the finish and durability of the goods supplied, attended with the fact that everything is of pure solid leather and no cardboard whatever is used in their manufactures.

SCOTTISH EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GATHERING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

THE annual gathering and prize distribution of the Bombay Scottish Education Society's schools was held, at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon, the Hon'ble Mr. E. M. H. Fulton, C.S.I., presiding. The main hall of the building was filled with a very large assembly of friends and pupils of the schools, and among those present were: the Rev. J. Cameron, Mr. George, the Rev. Mr. Strachan, Mr. P. R. Cadell, Mr. Jas. Forman, Mr. D. M. Inglis, Mr. J. A. D. McBain and Mr. Frank McBain.

The proceedings commenced with prayer offered by the Rev. H. S. Crichton, who subsequently read the annual (and lengthy) report of the school in competition with a crying baby and yet managed to make himself heard. An excellent vocal and instrumental entertainment was given by the pupils of the school during the afternoon, one of the neatest items being the musical triangle drill of a large group of about fifty little boys and girls, in which only about five of the youngsters dropped their instruments. Mrs Hamilton kindly distributed the prizes. The annual report was as follows:

THE SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee have pleasure in drawing attention to the progress made by the schools in the year 1905. The number of pupils shows a substantial increase. In the Byculla school we were able to present to the Government Inspector 25 more pupils than last year. In all nearly 250 children are being trained in the three schools under the Society's control. The average attendance has not been equally satisfactory. Owing to the prevalence of sickness in the Fort andColaba many of the children at the John Conpu and Colaba schools were attendi edsomewhat irregularly. We hope that in 1906 the conditions will be more favourable. We appeal to parents to assist the teachers in their efforts to secure regularity of attendance, without which no efficient instruction can be given. In October and November the schools were inspected, by Miss Ashworth and Mr. Covernton. The reports which have just been received are on the whole satisfactory. There are always things one would have wished otherwise in an Inspector's report. But they are extremely valuable in that they indicate clearly some points in the administration and instruction where improvements may be effected.

Mr. Covernton summarises his report on the Byculla school in the following terms:—Buildings—good, attendance—good, staff adequate and fairly qualified. Education very fair. Discipline good, exercise adequate, rules observed. In a very careful searching report on John Connon school, the Inspector draws attention among other things to the introduction of modern methods of teaching mathematics. The principles of arithmetic and Algebra appear to have been carefully taught as in most of the cases where the answer was wrong, the method was found to be correct. Special attention is paid in the higher classes to graphs, practical geometry and mensuration By the new methods now introduced the pupils seem to grasp the subject sooner than they did by the old methods. It is with pleasure we note the Inspector's remark to the effect that the work of the school is satisfactory and that Mr. Wilkinson's care appears to be effecting improvements.

Miss Ashworth's report on Colaba School is very encouraging. In regard to the staff she says: "The present head mistress has had an English training there are two assistant teachers of whom one is trained and the other is at present in training. The staff is adequate and suitably qualified. In concluding her report the Inspectress says" as the school is evidently intended to include only the classes up to standard II it would be a good plan to turn the whole into a Kindergaten and adopt Kindergaten methods throughout. The Committee is entirely in accord with the Department in this matter and they have already in anticipation passed a resolution carrying the Inspector's suggestion into effect. I should like to draw the attention of parents to this change. Only young children will be admitted and every effort will be made not only to instruct the pupils, but also to interest them. I hope that this intimation and the exhibition we have seen to-day of what the little ones can do will encourage parents to send their children to this school.

Last year the Prize-giving was held before the results of the Matriculation examination were announced. The success attained in this examination deserves special mention. Of six pupils sent up for Matriculation all without exception passed. No greater testimony could be furnished to the efficiency of the instruction given by Mr. Wilkinson and his staff. Five of the six passed out last year are pursuing their studies at college either here or at home. The sixth has entered a merchants office. Good reports continue to reach us of the ex-pupils of former years. Two of the girls have just passed examinations in medicine. Several are school or college in Egland. One of our old boys, after a brilliant college career at Cambridge has just entered the Indian Civil Service. The present pupils continue to maintain the reputation of the schools. This year the John Connon school has carried off two Government scholarships. Alexander Underwood has won a senior and Ralph Finkelstein a junior scholarship. On this success the Committee congratulate the pupils and Mr. Wilkinson. We now hold four Government scholarships at the John Connon school. Only the results of the Matriculation Examination 1905 were published. Four of the six sent up have passed. On behalf of the Committee I have pleasure in congratulating the successful candidates. The athletics of the school continue to receive attention. Cricket, football and hockey are played by the boys in their seasons. Of 10 contested Cricket matches 7 were won and 3 lost. The Committee are anxious to encourage outdoor games. To that end two special prizes have been presented this year by the hon. treasurer and another member of Committee for the boys most proficient in sports.

We are glad to record the success of the girls in the Tennis championship of the Bombay Girls High Schools Athletic Association. Jessie Macintyre and Hypatia Balfour secured for the Byculla School. Miss Ashworth's challenge Cup. At Byculla the girls have one tennis court and Badminton courts and at John Connon School arrangements have been made with the Y. M. C. A whereby the girls have the use of the court in Wellington Lines on certain days of the week. Several of the girls at Colaba and John Connon have joined the class of Calisthenics held at the Y.M.C.A, by Miss Short and the Principal hopes to be able to form a similar class at Byculla.

To Mr. Wilkinson the committee are especially grateful, for his able administration, for his through going searching and for his successful endeavours to keep the tone of the schools at the highest level. Only one criticism I would make. The schools have suffered much through change in the staff. The committee have no wish to see Mr. Wilkinson breakdown through overwork and would counsel him to husband his energies as much as possible. We hope in the coming year to be able to relieve him of part of the heavy burden that now falls on him. The committee thanks the donors of special prizes for their gifts and Mrs. J. P. Watson for her kindly interest in the sewing at the John Connon school.

The following is the committee list for the year 1906:—Chairman, Lt.-Col. Bannerman, I. M. S., Hon. Treasurers:—Mr. James Foreman Mercantile Bank; Hon. Secretaries:—Rev. J. Cameron Rev. A. S. Crichton, Committee.—Mr. P. R. Cadell, Mr. W. George, Mr. D. M. Inglis, Mr. H. W. Jameson, Capt. W. A. Liston, I. M. S., Mr. J. A. D. McBain Capt. W. F. Potts, Rev. J. Ryder Smith, Mr. R. Taylor and Rev. F. Wood.

The Chairman in offering his congratulations to the teachers and pupils on the success of their work said he was under great obligations to the Committee for their kindness in asking him to preside there. In the course of his long residence in Bombay, he had met most of the officials of the schools at functions of that sort, but he had never before had the pleasure of meeting the officials of the Scottish Education Society. But it was obvious from the large attendance of visitors there that much interest was taken in the schools by a large section of the community. and looking back on the many functions he had seen, he never remembered witnessing a prettier scene than in the Town Hall, that afternoon. He noticed in the report that the Committee had had to contend with several difficulties of which their financial disadvantage was the greatest. As a former treasurer of schools in Bombay, he could sympathise with the anxiety of the treasurer of that school, for it was he who had to provide the funds to make the necessary payments. But his experience as a school treasurer, and also no doubt of their own was that somehow the funds were always forthcoming. In Bombay there was a great deal of liberality, and it certainly seemed perennial. The Scottish community, however, had had to bear the brunt of the calls on behalf of those schools, but still as a community they were better able to meet their difficulties than any other, because it was one of their characteristics never to be daunted by adverse circumstances. (Cheers.) The prosperity of the school showed that they had kept up to their characteristic in that respect. He agreed that the whole burden should not be thrown on one community. He thought other communities should take part in bearing their troubles. (Applause.) The Chairman then animadverted briefly to the report, after which he congratulated the boys and girls who had won prizes, and hoped that those who had not would be stimulated to go in for them another year. On holiday occasions such as that he had noticed that it was customary for Chairmen to offer the young people a few words of good advice, but in regard to those schools, good advice was not required. (Laughter). He could only ask the boys and girls to remember that they belonged to one of the leading educational establishments in Bombay, and it was their duty to maintain the tone and position of the institution. On the conduct of each boy and girl depended the honour of the school. On behalf of the visitors, he thanked the pupils, who had provided such an excellent entertainment,—especially the little girl who recited. Their thanks were also due to the masters and teachers, and to Mrs. Hamilton for presenting the prizes. He wished them all a Merry Christmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year. (Cheers).

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Fulton, and the singing of the National Anthem.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A special meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon at its offices on Esplanade Roads Fort, the Hon. Mr. G. O. W. Dun, presiding. At the meeting were present: Sir Sassoon J David, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Mr. W. B. Shepherd, Mr. P. R. Cadell, Mr. D. E. Watcha, Mr. T. W. Cuff, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. C. H. B. Forbes, Mr J. S. Brown, Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey and Mr. W. N. Shilstone, the secretary.

Amongst the various circulars on memorandums by the Chairman on different subjects was one on a letter from the Municipal Commissioner asking the Board's coperation in the destruction of rats by means of the common sense rat exterminator by purchasing a quantity of the poison and placing it in places under the Board's control.

A discussion ensued on this circular, when Mr. Cuff considered that the Board should co-operate with the Municipality in this matter. But Mr. D. E. Watcha was of the contrary mind inasmuch as he thought it was the duty of the Corporation and not of the Trust to kill the rats, because it looked to him as though the Corporation wanted to save a few rupees.

The Hon. Mr. Ebrahim hit on a legal point, as he said the question was whether the Trust were empowered to spend money as suggested.

It was told to the Board that the expenditure for exterminating the rats living in the Board's lands, would probably amount to something like Rs. 7,000.

Hearing of this large amount Mr. Forbes was doubtful if the experiments would be absolutely successful, because he was of opinion that unless similar experiments were carried out throughout the city so much money spent would be of little avail.

Provided the Board's solicitors thought that the Board was empowered to spend money for the purpose of carrying out these experiments, the necessary sanction be granted, was the ultimate resolution arrived at.

After transacting some other business the meeting adjourned.

DACOITY IN KHANDESH.

ROBBING A WOMAN AND HER CHILD.

Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Russil, sitting at the High Court, Appellate Side, have disposed of an appleal in a case in which Tapya walad Sukya was convicted by Mr. B. Y. Gupte, Assistant Sessions Judge of Khandesh in November last, of dacoity and was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

The appellant, accused No. 3, and five others were charged with dacoity in looting a cart belonging to the complainant Khushal Bhagvan, revenue patel of Kumbher Khede, on the evening of the 14th April last while Khushal was returning from a visit to one of his relations. The accused were charged conjointly with one Tukya, a notorious Farari, i.e. a run-away Bhil, wanted by the police, who had again managed to escape from jail in this case. The complainant's story was that as he was driving in a bullock cart in the company of his widowed sister-in-law and her grand-child, both of whom were some ornaments at the time the party was overtaken by the robbers in the bed of a river towards dusk; that he drove the animals with some force to escape the attack of the robbers, some of whom carried sticks in their hands, and attempted to stop them with a show of violence. The robbers, however, pulled down his sister-in-law and the child from the cart while it was on the assent of the bank of the river, and ran-away with the ornaments. Complainant reported the occurrence immediately to the village police, but no satisfactory clue was then discovered to enable the police to trace the offenders. It was only on the 1st August last that police jemadar upadu, who had got Tukya arrested at Mhavl by the village police there, learned from Tukya that he had committed this dacoity and that the accused before the Court were his associates in the crime. Tukya then disclosed to him the names of the persons to whom he had sold his share of the property obtained by looting the cart. The police jemadar sent for those men, who admitted the sales made to them and produced the property perchased by them. The first five accused, who were staying in the neighbourhood were promptly arrested and they also, when questioned named the persons to whom they had disposed of their shares of the booty. The latter persons were next sent for, and they admitted their possession of the property in question and produced it. The first five accused made confessions before a third class magistrate. Accused No. 6 was already in confinement at the Bhosaval jail when his name was thus disclosed to the police jemadar. There was no reliable evidence against him and he was acquitted. Three of the other accused were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three years each, and one for four, years; while the appellant, who appeared to be a hardened criminal, was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the evidence, dismissed the appeal.

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Mr. Clement Shorter complains in the "Sphere" that authors give themselves airs unduly in comparison with men of business. Every one, he says who has written a book that sells well seems to have the idea that he has done something infinitely more meritorious that the vendor of pills or soap or tooth-powder, whereas in nine cases out of ten the manufacturer of these latter commodities deserves far more of his country. Mr. Shorter appears, indeed, to despair of his republic of letters in its contemporary conditions. ur authors, he writes, particularly the masters "of fiction of our day, all manure the newspaper Press—he expression seem strongl—with cheap self-advertisement in a way that would teach many a paying advertiser his business; while criticism has largely reduced itself to log-rolling of friends or spiteful depreciation of enemies, and there is no adequate guidance for the public even if the public wanted it. The page which contains this cruel indictment is decorated with an engaging portrait of Mrs. Craigie as Pearl Richards at the age of five, lolling short-frocked on a cushion innocent of this wicked literary world. Mr. Shorter continues his exposure of the traps laid for unwary book owners by advertising booksellers and gives in two columns the prices offered in the advertisements compared with the prices realised in the auction room. To take for example, the three most extreme cases, we have 10s. offered for a first edition of "Guy Mannering," a book which has sold for £90; 10s. offered for Alario at Rome," 1840, which has fetched £30; and 10s. for "Simonides," Bath, 1809, which has fetched £24. The law says Caveat Emptor. Mr. Shorter says and with reason Let the vendor beware.

The death of M. Georges Charpentier, the publisher who invented the 3fr. 5 c. novel, lately gave occasion to M. Marcel Prevost to deliver himself on what contemporaries would call the Decline of Fiction. M. Prevost admits—and the author of Les Demi-Vierges and other less scandalous works ought to know—that novels do not sell as well as they did, and he sets himself seriously to examine the cause. First, he says, there are no great authors nowadays and the De Maupassants, the Zolas, and the Daudets of a bygone generation have left no successors. One has heard this complaint before, but while M. Prevost refrains from modesty from mentioning his own works, they are at least sure of their audience while M. Paul Bourget's productions still sell like hot cakes. Then, he goes on, literary criticism—of novels be it understood—is dead. This is a view often referred to in these Notes, and it may be pointed out once again that in an age when half the world writes fiction literary criticism on the old lines is impossible Magazines are next given as a cause, and it is true that they have lately increased in France to an extent that no one would have dreamed of ten years ago, though whether pace M. Prevost this is due to the fact that the public greedy for guidance, like their fiction sifted for them by an editor, may be doubted. Finally the suggests that French publishers shall return to the English plan of issuing all novels in two or more editions, the first, a two or three decker at a high price for les librairies circulantes then one as 5 or 6 francs for those who wish to possess as well as to read the book and finally if it gets so far one at a few sous, for the vulgar. It is amusing to notice that not even the entente has enabled a popular novelist to keep himself informed of four insular usages, and that M. Prevost does not know that the three-decker was suppressed here years ago by that practical philanthropist the publisher.

M. Robert Dreyfus—nomen olim infandum—has reprinted the lectures on La Vie et les Prophetes du Comte de Gobineau that he formerly delivered before the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Sociales. The subject of his memoir was a man of letters turned diplomatist, who entered into public life under the auspices of the Tocqueville, and died Minister of France at Stockolm. He was possessed with the fixed idea that the Aryan race was immeasurably superior to the rest of mankind, and that while Franks, Scandinavians, Teutons, and Anglo-Saxons ruled the earth as of right, the Mediterranean races of Latins, Jews, and the like were fit only to be their hewers of wood and drawers of water. He has still one devoted admirer in the august personality of Kaiser Wilhelm, whose "We are the salt of the earth" speech referred directly to the doctrines of Gobineauism. It was for the propagation of this faith that he paid a few years back for the distribution among the German Universities of many thousands of copies of Mr. H. S. Chamberlain's Grundlagen, a book based directly on de Gobineau's theories. Some of your correspondents, I remember, seemed to think that my remarks on this last savoured of lese majeste.

Les Daimyo Chretiens of M. Steichen, a book published at Hong Kong by the Imprimerie des Mission Entrangeres, gives a clear and impartial account of the events which led to the expulsion of the apparently successful Christian missions from the domains of the Mikado in the seventeenth century. That the early missionaries, Jesuits and others were indiscreet goes without saying but whether they were really instrumental in stirring up the rebellion which occurred before their expulsion against the lawful sovereign of the country is impossible to decide at this time of day. Those best entitled to judge, however, seem to think that, though the fear of Spain which dictated it was imaginary, the edict of 1614, practically proscribing the practice of Christianity in Japan, was justified by its results. Thanks to it, is said Japan enjoyed two centuries of quite, and was able to unify and develop her national character, with the result that we all know. It may be to but the Might-have-been is generally more a question of prejudice than of deduction.

Since the publication in 1901 of "The Meaning of Good," thoughtful readers have looked with interest for the writings of Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson, and the great success of the "Letters from John Chinaman" (which, of course, were Chinese letters only in the sense in which the Lettres Persanes were Persian) confirmed their judgment. We have just had a new volume from the same pen, entitled A Modern Symposium published by Messrs. Brimley Johnson and Ince. The author's aim is to interpret the inwardness of competing contemporary political creeds; to discriminate the ideals of Tory, Conservative, Liberal, and Socialist, and contrast them with the purposes of the men of business and the dreams of the poets and artists.

A correspondent of the "Spectator" has been asking its readers to send him a chronological catalogue of historical novels. The editor in a note has referred him to the Descriptive Catalogue of Historical Novels and Tales by H. Courthope Bowen, of which a new edition has recently been published by Mr. Edward Stanford for 2s. We may also call his attention to "A Guide to the Best Historical Novels and Tales by Mr. Jonathan Nield of which a third enlarged and revised edition was published by Mr. Elkin Mathews about a year ago, and which seems to supply the kind of information that the inquirer was in search of!

Mr. Frank Brangwyn, A.R.A., is the subject of the second volume now to appear in Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton's series called Art of the Present Day, edited by W. S. Sparrow. Mr. Bangwyn is one of the very select band of English artists whose work find a place in the foreign collection at the Luxembourg. The size of the page which is 11 7-8 inches by 16 3-4 inches, allows of reproduction on a sensible scale, and Mr. Brangwyn's art will be illustrated by four reproductions in colour, five woodcuts, and twelve Rembrant photogravures all of which will be mounted on a thick toned in harmony with the pictures.

Mr. B. T. Batsford issued "Gothic Architecture in England" by Mr. Francis Bond, honorary associate of the Institute of British Architects. Mr. Bond, who limits his book to ecclesiastical architecture, has visited nearly every important church in England, camera in hand, and some three hundred photographs of his own, chiefly of detail, have been reproduced. His aim has been to analyse the evolution of the English Gothic ecclesiastical style from the Norman Conquest to the Dissolution of the Monasteries, from the planning to the detail, especially including the building construction. In the matter of detail, for example the book will contain no less than twenty-eight sheets devoted to moulding alone. It will have one thousand two hundred and fifty-four illustrations comprising seven hundred and eighty-five photographs, sketches and measured drawings and four hundred and sixty-nine plans, sections diagrams, and mouldings.

To come from history to practice, Mr. Henry Parr Maskell will publish this month ("Church Bells" office) "Hints on Building a Church," liberally illustrated by photographs, plans, and measured drawings of the best ancient and modern examples.

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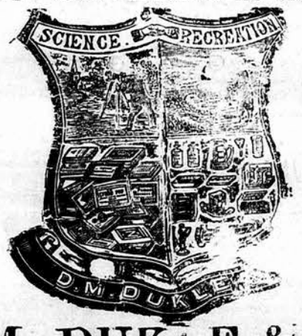
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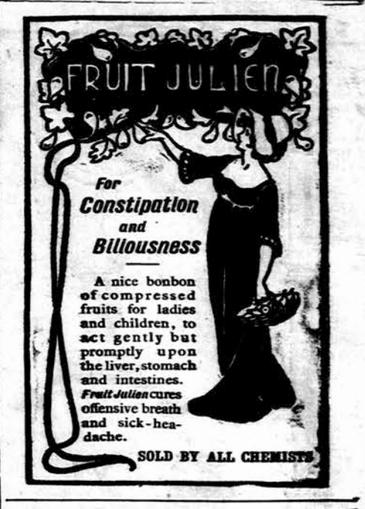
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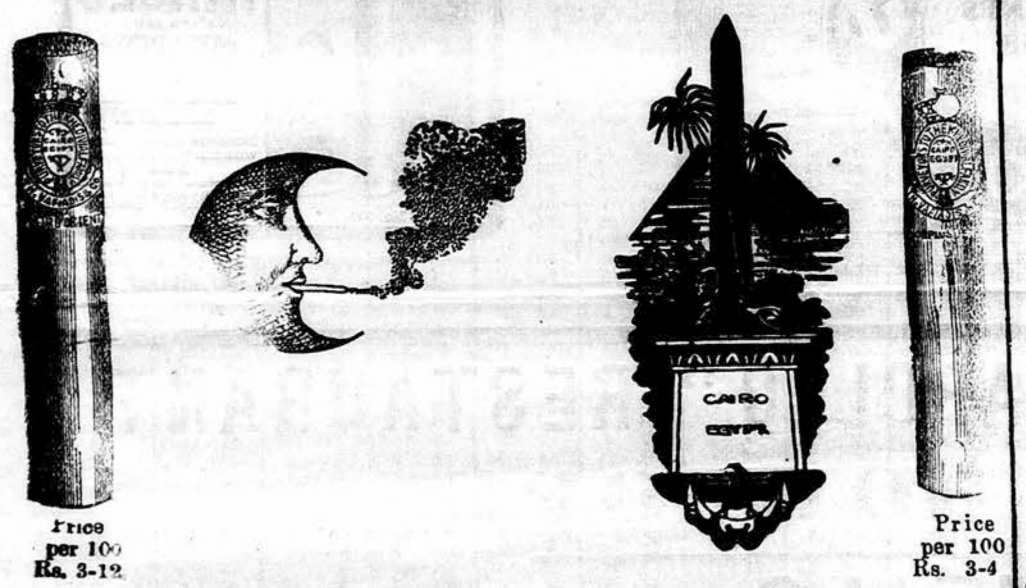
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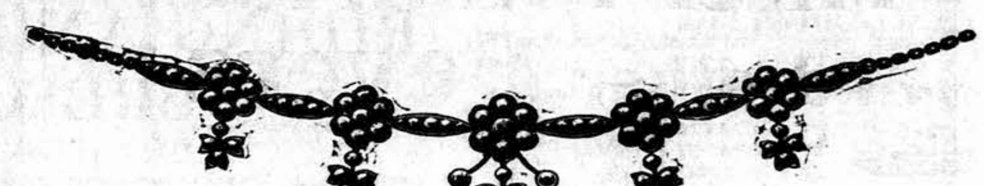
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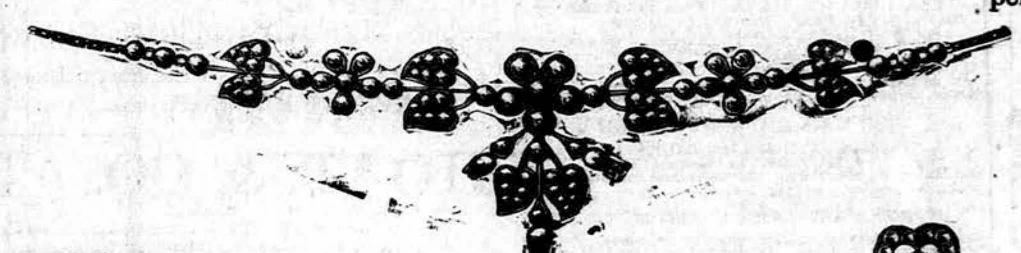
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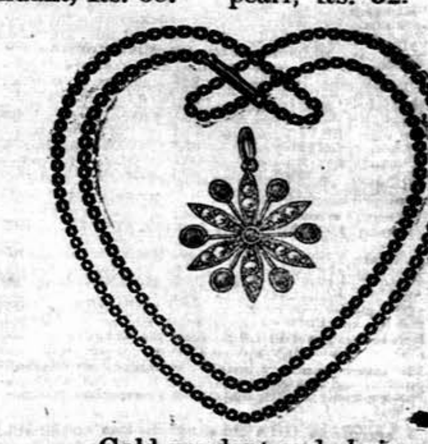
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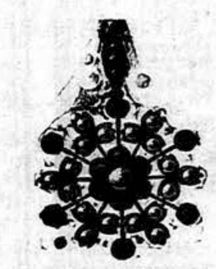
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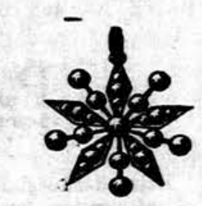
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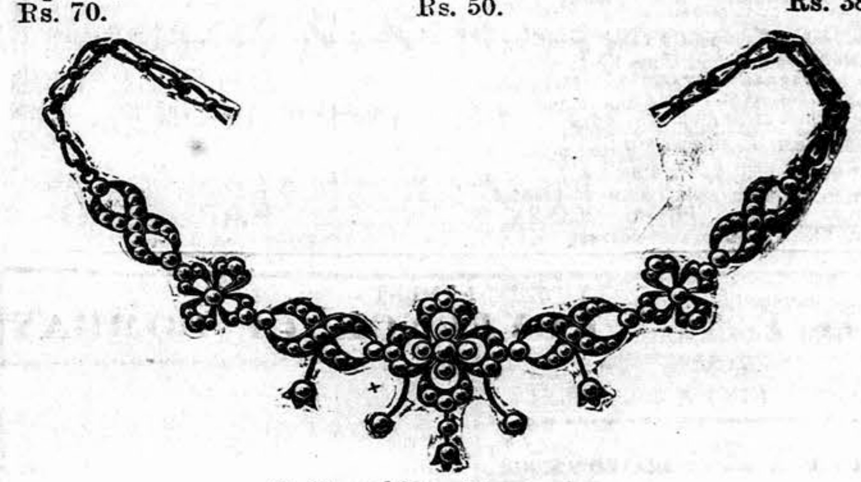
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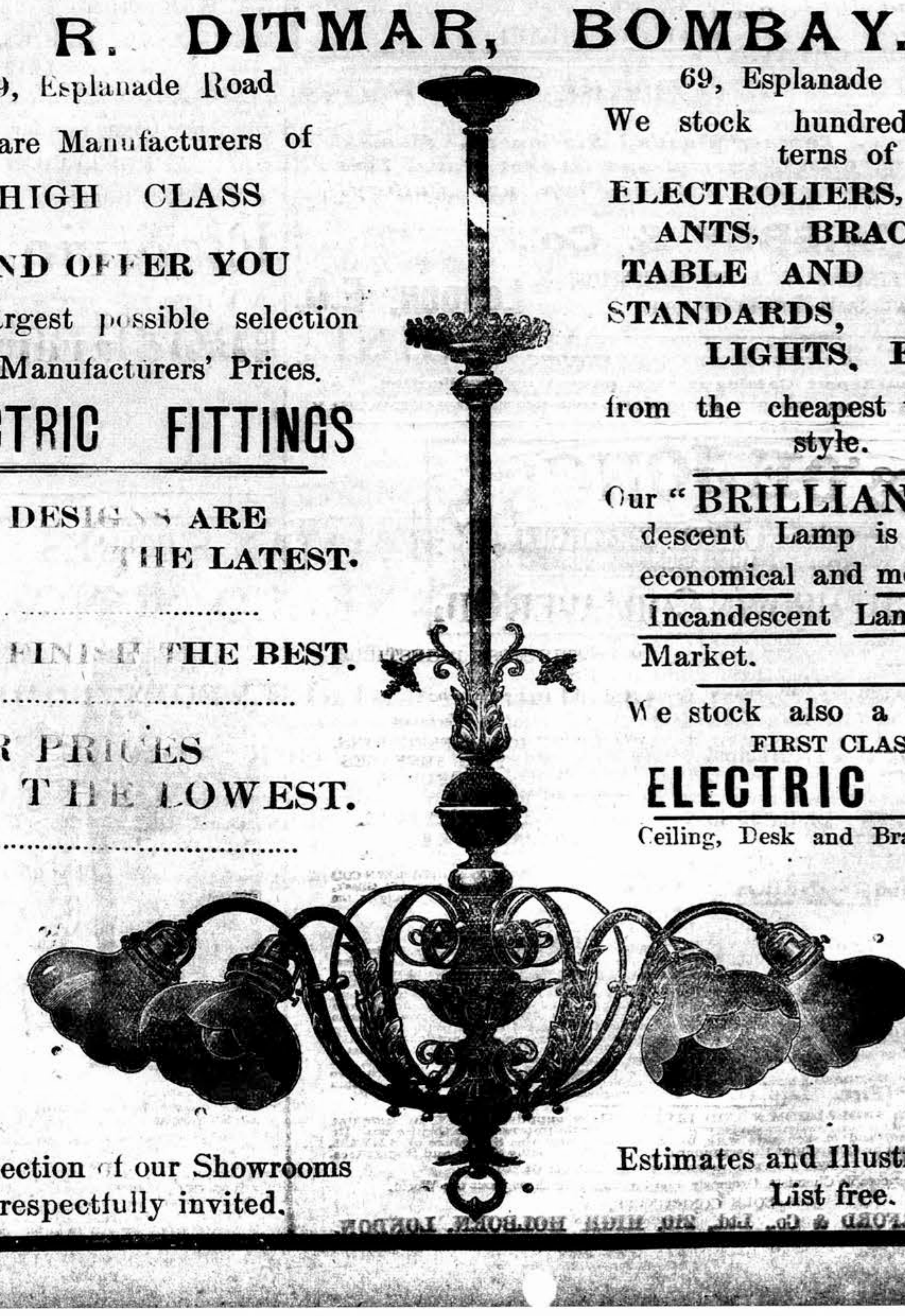
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